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April Meeting 1884

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adjourned from Meeting March 3rd 1884.

The Meeting was called to order at 1-25 P.M. April 7th 1884. by the Moderator who then presented the following communication

Grafton-Mass. April 4th 1884
To the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton
I hereby resign my office as Selectman of the town of Grafton.
S. A. Knowles

Voted on motion of D. B. Hubbard that the resignation of S. A. Knowles as a member of the Board of Selectmen be accepted

Art. 2

Took up Article 2 of the Warrant for this meeting and on motion it was voted to proceed to ballot for a Selectman in place of S. A. Knowles, resigned with the following result

Vote for Selectman

Whole number of votes cast 207

Lewis H. Bigelow had 119 and was elected
Charles H. Nelson " 88

Voted on motion of L. K. Leland that three names be added to the list of Constables 2 from North Grafton and that all three names be voted for on one ballot.

Vote for 3 Constables

A ballot was taken with the following result

George W. Brown had 5 votes and was elected
Amos G. Getchell " 6 " " " "
Wm. S. Wood " 3 " " " "

Art. 9 Article 9 taken up and voted that the following list of names presented by the Selectmen be placed in the Jury Box for the ensuing year

Jury List 70 -

Adams	Joseph	Gibson	Benj. F.
Astell	Cyrus R.	Gleason	James
Bigelow	Lewis A.	Goddard	J. Augustus
Banister	Henry L.	Goulding	Albert M.
Brown	William A.	Hall	Henry
Barber	Albert	Harrington	Geo. W.
Bronson	George	Howe	Martin R.
Brewer	Wm. C.	Knowlton	Albert B.
Brewer	Thos. H.	Keith	Moses A.
Batchelor	Horace	Keith	John F.
Brooks	Henry E.	Leland	Levi N. Jr.
Brown	John A. (S.V.)	Leonard	Sumner F.
Cady	Henry K.	Long	Richard
Clark	Edward S.	Miles	James
Chaffin	Geo. H.	Mann	Henry
Chamberlain	Edward F.	McClellan	John E.
Coe	Geo. S.	McGarry	Frank M.
Cunningham	William J.	McKenzie	James W.
Crowe	Patrick H.	Newton	George R.
Dunn	Geo. M.	Newton	Henry E.
Davenport	Stearns L.	Paine	Elias A.
Dearborn	George A.	Piper	James
Deshean	Chas. K.	Pratt	Charles L.
Estabrook	Edward A.	Rice	Lyman M.
Ennis	Peter	Sinclair	J. Elbridge
Fahan	Edward	Stowe	Silas E.
Fowler	Augustus	Stowe	Lewis A.
Fiske	David L.	Swetser	John A.
Ford	Edwin A.	Stockbridge	Romanzo O.
Forbush	Silas A. Jr.	Snow	Asahel F.
Fay	Geo. A.	Thurston	John C.
Fitzpatrick	Edward	Thomas	James H.
Follett	Joshua G.	Thurber	Edward C.
Goddard	Perley	Vinton	Silas
		Whitney	John A.
		Walters	Geo. Washington

Art. 21 Article 21 taken up

Geo. K. Nichols on behalf of the Town House Committee presented the following report

Report of Town House Committee

Report of Town House Committee

The Committee on Town House submit the following report.

As instructed by vote of the Town your Committee caused specifications to be prepared by Stephen C. Earle in accordance with the plans drawn by him in possession of the Committee, and responsible parties who have made estimates upon them are ready to contract for the materials and work called for in said specifications.

Your Committee report in brief that the alterations as shown on plan No. 1 can be made for a sum not to exceed $3.700.00

Respectfully Submitted
Geo. K. Nichols
Geo. W. Fisher
Silas E. Stowe
Edward F. Chamberlain
Luther K. Leland
} Committee

Grafton April 7 1884"

Plans No. 1 & 2 explained

Plans No. 1 & 2 were explained by Mr. Nichols who stated ~~that~~ the estimated cost of carrying out plan No 2 and following plans plan No 1 to be about six thousand (6.000) dollars.

Motion to Repair Town House by Rev. Mr. Voorhees

It was then moved by Rev. Louis B. Voorhees "that the town make the repairs and alterations in the Town House as contemplated in Plan No. 1 and appropriate therefor a sum not to exceed Thirty seven hundred (3.700) dollars said sum to be provided for in the taxes for the year 1.885"

Amend't. by Geo. W. Fisher

An amendment to the forgoing motion was then moved by George W. Fisher as follows

It was then moved by Alderman McBirslow

to wit "That said repairs and alterations be made in accordance with Plan No 2 said plan including plan No 1 and that a sum approximating to Six thousand (6.000) dollars be appropriated therefor said sum to be provided for in the taxes for the year 1885"

A standing vote was then taken on above amendment, by count resulting as follows

Vote on Amend.t

In favor of said Amendment 116
Opposed to " do 111
and the Amendment prevailed

Vote on Motion as amend.d

The motion as amended was then put by the Moderator and carried by acclamation

Art. 14 Motion to Rescind License Fee Vote by D. B. Hubbard

Article 14 taken up

and moved by D. B. Hubbard "to rescind the vote of the town whereby it voted to instruct the Selectmen that any person taking a first second and third class license should pay not less than $1.000.00."

Amend.t by R. D. Frost

An Amendment to the foregoing motion was then moved by Rev. R. D. Frost as follows - to wit - "That we rescind so much of the vote fixing license fees as applies to second and third class licenses."

2nd Amend. by P. F. Smith

A Second Amendment to said motion was then moved by Rev. P. F. Smith as follows - to wit - that the vote on said motion and amendment be taken by use of the Check List

Vote on 2nd Amend. 1st " orig. Motion

The Second Amendment was then put by Moderator and declared lost.
The First Amendment was then put and lost.
The original motion was then put by the Moderator and was carried - so the vote was rescinded -

Motion of A. M. Bigelow to Clear out Fees to Select.n

It was then voted on motion of A. M. Bigelow that the matter of fixing the amount to be paid for licenses the ensuing year be left with the Selectmen

Art 21

Motion Jon^a D. Wheeler on Committee to Repair Town House

Article 21 taken up

and on motion of Jon^a D. Wheeler it was voted "That the Town House Committee be a Committee to repair and alter the Town House in accordance with the vote passed at this meeting."

George K. Nichols declined to serve on said Committee

Horace S. Warren was then elected a member of said Committee and declined to serve

Edward F. Chamberlain declined to serve on said Committee

Moved by Mr. Metcalf that Charles L. Pratt be a member of said Committee this motion was lost.

It was then voted that the three remaining members of said Committee constitute the Committee to repair and alter the Town House as set forth in above vote on Mr. Wheeler's Motion - to wit George W. Fisher ___
Silas E. Stowe ___
Luther K. Leland ___

Luther K. Leland declined to serve on said Committee

On motion it was voted that D. B. Hubbard be added to said Committee in place of Luther K. Leland declined

On motion voted that Samuel C. Flagg be added to said Committee

Samuel C. Flagg declined to serve on said Committee

On motion of Geo. K. Nichols - Mr. Hubbard's election being somewhat uncertain, it was

voted that said election be confirmed

Art. 22 Report of Com. on Lay out Road at No. Graf

Article 22 taken up

Henry L. Banister for the Committee on the Lay Out of a Road under this Article reported

"Inexpedient to build the road"

it was then voted to accept the above report.

Art. 24

Article 24 taken up

and voted to Pass over the article. afterward voted to rescind above vote and then it was

Vote to accept provis. chap 36 - Sec 29

voted "to accept the provisions of Chapter 36, section 29, of the Public Statutes."

Art. 25 Motion D. B. Hubbard on Treasurer's hiring money

Article 25 taken up

Moved by D. B. Hubbard "That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes or bonds of the Town therefor."

Amendt. of C. M. Batchelder

An amendment to above motion was then moved by Charles M. Batchelder "that Interest on said money do not exceed four (4) per cent.

vote on Amend.t

The Amendment was then put by Moderator and carried.

Remarks

After remarks by H. T. Mann, Geo. K. Nichols - R. C. Mann - J. A. Dodge - D. L. Fiske and Cyrus R. Aptell;

vote on motion as Amended

The motion of Mr. Hubbard as Amended was then put by the Moderator and declared carried by two thirds (2/3) of the legal voters present and voting.

Art. 5 — Motion to raise $35.000. Geo. K. Nichols

Article 5 taken up

voted on motion of Geo. K. Nichols that the sum of Five thousand dollars, in addition to the Thirty thousand dollars voted at the March meeting, be raised to defray Town Charges the ensuing Year. making whole amount to be raised $35.000.00

Art. 22 — Motion to Reconsider vote on road at N. Graf. L. F. Drury

Article 22 taken up

Moved by Luke F. Drury "To reconsider the vote whereby the town voted to accept the report "inexpedient" of the Road Commissioners on the Lay Out of a highway at North Grafton.

Voted "Not to Reconsider"

Art. 13 — Motion Not to Revoke Town's Accept. chap. 158 Geo. S. Coe

Article 13 taken up

voted on motion Geo. S. Coe "Not to revoke its action whereby it (the town) accepted the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of the Legislature of the Year 1871"

The vote standing

70 not to revoke

39 to revoke

Art. 5 — motion to Approp. $200. to N. G. Imp. Soc.

Article 5 taken up

Moved by Dr. W. E. Rice "that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for use on sidewalks - trees &c to be expended by the North Grafton Village Improvement Society"

Motion put and lost.

Art. 2 — Field Drivers

Article 2 taken up

voted to have 10 Field Drivers the ensuing Year and the following persons were nominated and elected by acclamation

J. Augustus Goddard sworn — Sumner F. Leonard

Solon F. Smith — Moses A. Keith

Thomas Hall sworn May 5/84 — Benj. Aldrich

David Mann sworn Apl. 23/84 — Charles M. Batchelder sworn

Geo. B. Brooks — Simeon E. Crosby

Fence Viewers

voted to have 3 fence viewers the ensuing Year and the following persons were nominated and elected by acclamation

— Silas E. Stowe —

— Ashley W. Rice —

— Perley Goddard —

Jonathan B. Sibley was elected but declined to serve and ashley W. Rice was then elected in his place.

other offi^rs app. by Select^n.

— Voted that all other necessary Town Officers be appointed by the Selectmen

Select^n. be Auditors Accts.

— Voted that the Selectmen be Auditors of accounts for the Year ensuing.

Art. 5 $250.00 appro. for Road Mach.

Article 5 taken up

Voted on motion of Silas Vinton that the Town appropriate the sum of Two hundred and fifty (250) dollars to pay for a Road Machine purchased by the Road Commissioners in 1883.

Records of March Meet. amended as to Str. Lgt. Appro.

— Voted on motion of John McClellan that the Records of the March Meeting 1884 be so amended as to read that the appropriation of Two hundred and fifty (250) dollars for Street Lights at the Centre was "Passed Over" and said Amount not appropriated —

Lewis H. Bigelow was duly sworn into the office of Selectman by the Moderator

Geo. W. Brown, Amos G. Getchell, and William S. Wood were duly sworn into the office of Constable by the Town Clerk

Silas E. Stowe, Ashley W. Rice and Perley Goddard were duly sworn as Fence Viewers by the Town Clerk

A true record-
Attested

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Grafton April 11th 1884

Appointments by Selectmen — At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made by them

R. R. Police — Rail Road Police

Chas. W. Campbell

Lockup and Pound Keeper — Lockup and Pound Keeper

✓ James Carney sworn Apl. 18/84

Weighers of Hay-Coal and Measurers of Wood — Weighers of Hay and Coal and Measurers of Wood

✓ A. G. Kempton sworn Apl. 28/84
✓ L. K. Leland sworn Apl. 28/84
✓ Elisha Holbrook " " "
✓ E. O. Lindley " " "
✓ Geo. K. Nichols sworn as Wrig. Hay & Coal - only
✓ Harry L. Nichols " " " " "
G. C. Taft
✓ A. G. Getchell sworn Apl. 28/84

Measurers of Wood and Bark — Measurers of Wood and Bark

S. E. Leland
Henry Mann

J. B. W. M. Rice
Lyman Austin G. Kempton

Surveyors of Lumber — Surveyors of Lumber

Lyman M. Rice
~~Surveyor~~ Austin G. Kempton
Lewis Jennings

Timothy Sheehan
Geo. W. Brown sworn Apl. 28/84
G. L. H. Carpenter declined
✓ Jason Washburn sworn

Sealer W. & M. — Sealer of Weights and Measures - S. E. Leland sworn [illegible]

Sextons — Sextons

James Gleason
H. K. Cady

Meas. of Up. Leather

Measurers of Upper Leather

Henry Mann

Fire Engineers

Fire Engineers

Solon F. Smith
Alden M. Bigelow
A. L. Fisher
Aaron Elliott
C. C. Willis
Henry E. Brooks

Attest.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

James Carney appointed by the Selectmen was duly sworn into said office by me this day.
April 18th 1884.
Attest.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

April 18th 1884.
At a special Meeting of the Selectmen this day William P. Spencer was appointed a special police officer for Farmersville. sworn Apl. 19/84
Attested
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

Monday April 28th 1884

Warrant

Worcester S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday, the Twenty eighth day of April current at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the town will vote to alter and repair the Town House in accordance with any plan or plans prepared by Stephen C. Earle, and appropriate and raise money therefor - or act thereon -

Art. 3rd. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of Two hundred and eighty eight and thirty five one hundredths ($288\frac{35}{100}$) dollars to pay for boring a well in the School Yard at North Grafton and furnishing a pump and tubing - or act thereon -

Art. 4th. To see if the town will take any action in regard to the keeping in repair of Burial Lots in the Public Cemeteries in accordance with Chapter 82 section 17 of the Public Statutes - or act thereon -

Art. 5th. To see if the town will take any action in regard to painting the fence at the Riverside Cemetery and appropriate and raise money therefor - or act thereon -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four

Joseph A. Dodge
John E. McClellan
J. E. Leland
E. F. Chamberlain
L. H. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.

April 22nd 1884.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village on Saturday the 19th day of April current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and return.
Attested.

Arthur F. Simmons
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock P.M. Monday April 28th 1884 by the Town Clerk who read the said warrant and under Article first called for a ballot for Moderator.

L. Davis Hall received two ballots being all that were cast and was declared elected

Mr. Hall then took charge of the Meeting

Article No. 2 taken up

Moved by J. Augustus Goddard "That we pass over the article"

An amendment to above motion was moved by Geo. K. Nichols "that the vote be taken by yea and nay with use of the check list."

The Records of the April Meeting regarding Town House Matters were called for by W. E. Newton and were read by the Clerk.

The amendment of Mr. Nichols as above was put by Moderator and carried by acclamation

A ballot was then taken on above motion made by J. A. Goddard and resulted as follows

Yes 178
NO 183

whole number of votes cast 361
so the motion was lost

The following motion was then made by
Geo. K. Nichols - to wit -

"Voted that a Committee of five be raised to repair and make improvements to the Town House and that such Committee be fully authorized to repair and make improvements to the same according to the Plan and Specifications herewith submitted and accompanying this motion marked Plan &c. No 2, made and signed by Stephen C. Earle, the expense thereof not to exceed $6.000. and that said Committee follow said Plan and Specifications & no other, in contracting for and making such repairs and improvements on said Town House, and the Committee to get the said work done for as much less as they can alle. and that the sum of $6.000. be raised the Coming year 1.885, by taxation and that the proceeds of said tax be appropriated to pay the expenses of said repairs and improvements on said Town House, when said tax shall be received the Coming year."

and that the vote be taken by yea and nay witte use of the check list.

It was then voted by acclamation that the vote on above motion be by yea and nay by check list.

A ballot was then taken resulting as follows

whole number of votes cast 350 of which
188 were Yes
162 " NO
so the motion was carried

It was then voted by acclamation on motion of Geo. K. Nichols that "The Selectmen report a list of 5 names to constitute a Committee to carry the vote just passed into effect."

and the Selectmen reported the names of
George W. Fisher
Silas E. Stowe
Daniel B. Hubbard
Herbert F. Allen
Charles L. Pratt

which names been accepted and adopted by the voters present by acclamation

Article No. 3 taken up
and voted on motion of D. B. Hubbard
"That the sum of $288.35 dollars be appropriated for the payment of boring a well in the school yard at North Grafton and for a pump, tubing and expressing the same and that the said sum be raised by taxation the current year 1884"

Article No 4 taken up
and voted on motion of Luther K. Leland
"That the Town Treasurer be authorized to receive sums of money in accordance with Public Statutes Chapter 82 Sec. 17. for the purpose of keeping burial lots in our public cemeteries in repair, and allow on said sums of money interest at the rate of 4% per annum to be paid to some town officer to be expended as directed by the depositor"

Article No 5 taken up
and voted on motion of
Joseph A. Dodge
"That the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed two hundred (200) dollars to paint the fence a Riverside Cemetery and hearse house 2 coats"

Meeting dissolved

A true record.
Attested
Arthur R. Simmons
Town clerk

April 29. 1884.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the price of First Class Licenses for the year ensuing was fixed at $250.00 and of Fourth Class at $125.00

A true record
Attest.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

May 5. 1884.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day L. B. Semple was elected an auctioneer and a license issued to him for which he paid to Town Treasurer two dollars.
At said meeting James Carney was appointed Field Driver for the ensuing year.

A true record
Attest.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

May 5. 1884.
James Carney was sworn into the office of Field Driver this day by me -
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday June 11 "1884.

Warrant

Worcester S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Wednesday the eleventh day of June, Current at eight o'clock in the P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. - 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art. 2nd. - To see if the Town will authorize the Road Commissioners to build a road, starting from a point on the main road from North Grafton to Shrewsbury opposite the premises of Henry Bartlett, running Westerly and joining the road to Worcester near the house owned by John Mitchell, as surveyed by Oscar H. Allen, or act thereon

Art. 3rd. To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-laws of the town relating to truants, adopted April 28 "1874" by striking out the words "the State Primary School at Monson" in Sections one (1) and three (3) and inserting instead thereof the words, "the Hampden County Truant School" or act thereon -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at

the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four

Joseph A. Dodge
John E. McClellan
E. F. Chamberlain
S. E. Leland
L. A. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. June 7th 1884.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton Centre, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village on Tuesday the 3rd day of June current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and return.
Attested.
Arthur F. Simmons
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was called ~~to order~~ at eight o'clock P. M. on Wednesday June 11 1884 by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant and called for a ballott for a Moderator under Article first.

Eight ballotts were cast by check list and all were for I. Davis Hall who took charge of the meeting

Article Second taken up.

Moved by Charles A. Nelson that we hear report of Road Commissioners.

A. M. Goulding then made a verbal report for the Road Commissioners

Voted on motion of Charles A. Nelson that the Report of the Road Commissioners be accepted.

Voted on motion of Charles A. Nelson "That the Road Commissioners be authorized to build the road as petitioned for and that a certain sum of money be appropriated for that purpose"

Voted on motion of Charles A. Nelson

"That seven hundred (700) dollars be appropriated for that purpose said sum not to include the land damage."

Voted on motion of Charles A. Nelson that the matter of the Land Damage be left in hands of Road Commissioners to adjust

Article third taken up

Voted on motion of D. B. Hubbard "That the bylaws of the town adopted April 28, 1874, and approved May 1, 1874, be amended by striking out the words "the State Primary School at Monson" in Sections (1) and (3) and inserting instead thereof the words, "the Hampden County Infant School".

On motion of A. M. Goulding the meeting was then adjourned to Thursday evening June 19, 1884, at 8 o'clock P. M.

A true record attested.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Thursday June 19th 1884 8 P.M.

The town meeting adjourned from June 11th 1884 was called to order by I. Davis Hall - Moderator

Proceedings of the last meeting to wit June 11th were called for and approved -

Art. 2 taken up

voted on motion of Chas. A. Nelson "That the motion made and carried at last meeting - appropriating a sum of money not to exceed $700. to build a road in North Grafton be reconsidered -"

Moved by J. W. Taft

"That the vote be reconsidered whereby the town voted June 11th 1884 to authorize the Road Commissioners to build a road according to a layout on file in the clerk's office"

An amendment to above motion was then moved by Chas. A. Nelson

"That the Selectmen be ordered to provide money and pay all bills to an amount not exceeding seven hundred Dollars ($700.) not including land damages for building the new road at North Grafton accepted and authorized to be built at last meeting June 11th and that the money so paid be assessed in the taxes of 1885"

Said amendment was then put by the Moderator and declared Lost -

Said Motion of J. W. Taft was then put by the Moderator and declared carried - so the motion prevailed -

A statement was read to the meeting from A. M. Goulding that the Road Commissioners

Report the Land Damage on the proposed Road at North Grafton as follows. to wit - For Mr. Hastings $250. for Mr. Meriam $25. & place the present wall, about 15 rods on the South side of the new road.

On motion of J. W. Paft the meeting was then dissolved -

A true record -
Attest.
Arthur T. Simmons
Town Clerk

June 28th 1884.

At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen this day the following persons were duly appointed Registrars of Voters under Chapter 298 of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1884 as per the ensuing notice

Grafton Mass. June 28th 1884.

The undersigned, a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, have this day appointed the following named persons to be Registrars of Voters under Chapter 298 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1884

Benjamin F. Gibson - Republican, for 3 years until the first day of May 1887

Maurice E. Kelley - Democrat, for 2 years until the first day of May 1886.

Lorin S. Davis - Democrat, for one year until the first day of May 1885

Joseph A. Dodge
John E. McClellan
S. E. Leland
L. A. Bigelow
} Selectmen

Received in office of the Town Clerk for the town of Grafton June 28th 1884 at 8.45 P.M.
Attest
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

A true copy
Attest
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

A true record
Attest
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

July 14th 1884

Moses A. Keith was duly sworn as Collector of Taxes for the current year by me this day
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass.
Aug. 4 1884

At a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day
Francis N. Hall
Democrat
was appointed a member of the Board of Registration for one year to the first day of May 1885 in place of Loren S. Davis who declined to serve on said board.

John E. McClellan
E. F. Chamberlain
S. E. Leland
L. A. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

To the Town Clerk

Received by Town Clerk
Aug. 4/84 at 9-35 P. M.

Attested - Arthur A Simmons
Town Clerk

A true copy attested -
Arthur A Simmons
Town Clerk

Worcester S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the vestry room in the Unitarian Church in said Grafton, on Wednesday the third day of September next at seven and one half o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles - to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the Town will authorize the Road Commissioners to build a road, starting from a point on the Main Road leading from Grafton to Shrewsbury at the South East corner of land of Charles A. Nelson, running westerly and joining the road to Worcester near the house of John Mitchell, substantially as set forth in a petition for the layout and construction of said road, now on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and appropriate and raise money therefor - or act thereon.

Art. 3rd. To see if the Town will vote to provide Steam heating apparatus for the L. part of the Town House; and appropriate and raise money therefor - or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Joseph A. Dodge
John E. McClellan
Edward F. Chamberlain
S. E. Leland
L. H. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S. S. August 30. 1884.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton - North Grafton, Farnumsville - Fisherville, and Saunders Village, on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of August current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed -

James Carney -
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of warrant and return -
Attest.

Arthur R. Simmons
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the legal voters assembled at 7-30 P. M. on Wednesday September 3rd 1884 and was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant and called for a ballot for Moderator -

Charles M. Bachelder was duly elected Moderator and took charge of the meeting

Article 2 taken up.

Voted on motion of A. M. Goulding that we "pass over the article" -

Article 3 taken up.

Voted on motion of J. B. Sibley "That the Town House Building Committee having in charge the alterations and repairs on the Town House appointed by the Town at a meeting held April 28th 1884 be authorized to provide and put in Steam Heating Apparatus into the L. part of the Town House and that the sum of Three hundred and seventy five (375) dollars be raised and appropriated therefore to be paid out of the Taxes of 1885 -

This matter entirely outside of the warrant, and not binding on the town

An informal vote taken to obtain the sense of the meeting on the question of fitting up a new room at head of stairs in the Town House and of omitting the sliding doors at back of the Town Hall said change to be no additional cost to Town resulted after remarks and explanations by D. B. Hubbard - J. D. Wheeler Geo. W. Fisher, J. H. Chickering - J. B. Sibley and Henry E. Newton in

41 in favor of change and
1 opposed —

Meeting dissolved -

A true record - Attest. Arthur L. Simmons
Town Clerk

Worcester, S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the vestry room in the basement of the Unitarian Church in said Grafton, on Wednesday the twenty fourth day of September current at seven and one half o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the Town will accept and order to be recorded a Town Road laid out by the Road Commissioners of the Town beginning at the West line of the road leading from Grafton to Shrewsbury and at the South East corner of Charles H. Nelson's land in North Grafton and running in a Westerly direction over land of the Boston and Albany Rail Road Corporation, Noah K. Merriam and Gilman P. Young to a stake and stones on the South line of the Worcester Road near the house of John F. Mitchell in said North Grafton; laid out as per report of said Road Commissioners dated September 13th 1884 and now on file in the Town Clerk's Office - the length of said road being about one hundred eight and six tenths (108 6/10) rods; and build such portions thereof as are not otherwise provided for and raise and appropriate

money therefor to be paid out of the taxes of 1885 - or act thereon -

Art. 3rd. To see if the Town will vote to remove the town vault from its present location in the Town Hall and rebuild the same in the room now being fitted up on the same floor in the Town House for the Town Clerk and raise and appropriate money therefor to be paid out of the taxes of 1885 - or act thereon -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four

Joseph A. Dodge
John E. McClellan
E. F. Chamberlain
I. E. Leland
L. A. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S. S.

Grafton September 23rd 1884.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, on Wednesday the seventeenth day of September current, at two hours and thirty five minutes P.M., being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed - James Carney - Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy of Warrant and return
Attest. Arthur L. Simmons - Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the voters assembled at 7-30 P. M. Wednesday September 24th 1884 and were called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant and called for a ballot for Moderator - resulting in the election of Charles M. Bachelder who took charge of the meeting as Moderator

Article 2 taken up.

The Report of the Road Commissions was read by A. M. Goulding and on motion of Henry Mann it was voted to accept said report - said report is recorded on pages 26-27-28-29 of Book No. 1 of Roads and Fences of the Town of Grafton; to which record reference is here had -

voted on motion of Alden M. Bigelow that the Town authorize the Road Commissioners to build the road -

Moved by James G. Putnam

"That the Road Commissioners be instructed to receive proposals for building the Road and it be let out to the lowest contractor" -

This motion was carried with the following amendment offered by Saml. Knowlton.

"That the Road Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids -

Voted on motion of Albert Bradish "That the sum of $190 dollars be appropriated to build the road and that said sum be assessed in the taxes of 1885

Article 3 taken up

Moved by Henry Mann
"That the Town Safe be removed and that the Building Committee be instructed to remove it"

An amendment to above motion was then moved by Henry E. Newton
"That the building Committee remove the vault to the room now being fitted up for the town clerk and rebuild it there".

The amendment was put by the Moderator and declared lost -

The original motion was then put and carried - so the motion above prevailed -

Voted on motion of Alden M. Bigelow
That a sum not to exceed four hundred (400) dollars be appropriated and placed at the disposal of the building Committee to pay for removing the present vault and to procure or make a place to keep the town records - said sum to be assessed in the taxes of 1885.

Meeting dissolved -

A true record.
Attested.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Grand Army Hall in Northrington and Nichols Block in said Grafton, on Thursday the sixteenth day of October, current, at seven and one half o'clock in the P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow and give the Note of the Town for the eight hundred dollars mentioned in the vote passed at the Town Meeting of October 18, 1883, on the article about a supply of water for public use, or vote to borrow said eight hundred dollars, less about thirty (30) dollars reported by the Committee on said subject as expended in 1883, the said balance, or money to be borrowed, to be for expenses and cost of procuring a supply of water for public use in the Town, and said eight hundred dollars, less said sum of thirty dollars, to be raised by taxation in 1885 and the sum borrowed to be payable out of said taxes in 1885, or act or vote anything in relation to said subject.

Art. 3rd. To see if the Town will accept and approve of the Deed of Water got from Mr. Silas Winton to the town, for water for public use and now in the Office of the Town Clerk for inspection.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Joseph A. Dodge
John E. McClellan
E. F. Chamberlain
I. E. Leland
L. A. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S. S. October 16, 1884.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders Village, on Wednesday the eighth day of October current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of warrant and return
Attest.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters assembled at 7-30 P.M. Thursday October 16. 1884 - and were called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the Warrant and called for a ballot for Moderator -

A ballot was taking resulting in the choice of Charles M. Bachelder who took charge of the meeting -

Article 2 taken up.

Voted on motion of David L. Fiske "That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the unexpended balance reported by the Water Committee at the annual meeting March 3rd. 1884 and give the note of the town for the same - and that said sum be raised by taxation and paid in the Year 1885"

Voted on motion of David L. Fiske "And "That the said Water Committee, consisting of David L. Fiske, D. W. Norcross and Solon F. Smith be authorized to draw and expend the said unexpended balance in procuring a supply of water for public use at or near the centre of the town -"

Article 3 taken up

Voted "that the Deed be accepted" on motion of Solon F. Smith -

The Deed above referred to is now on file with the other Town Deeds - is dated September 20. 1884" signed by Silas Winton and Anna E. Winton, his wife, and recorded with Worcester County Registry of Deeds Oct. 21. 1884 at 9 hours 10 minutes A.M. Book - Page

Meeting dissolved -

A true record -

Attest - Arthur P. Simmons
Town Clerk

~~Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall Tuesday November 4th 1884 at nine o'clock A. M. and the following is a record of the proceedings~~

~~The meeting was called to order by Joseph A. Dodge, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who presided.~~

~~The Warrant w~~ error see Page 38

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the Fourth day of November next, at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also, for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District and for a Representative to the next General Court for the Third Worcester Representative District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District; also for a District Attorney for the Middle District to fill a vacancy caused by the decease of Francis T. Blanchard; also for two Electors at Large, and for one Elector for each of the Twelve Electoral Districts of this Commonwealth, being residents of their respective Districts, for President and Vice President of the United States.

The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot, deposited in the ballot box with the face downwards, open and unfolded, or in a sealed envelope, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the office voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 9-30, o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 1-30, o'clock P. M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty fifth day of October, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty four

Joseph A. Dodge
John E. McClellan
Edward F. Chamberlain
J. E. Leland
L. H. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S. S. Grafton October 25th 1884.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the twenty fifth day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true Copy of Warrant and return
Attested- Arthur L. Simmons
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall Tuesday November 4th 1884 at Nine oclock A. M. and the following is a record of the proceedings:

The meeting was called to order by Joseph A. Dodge, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who presided.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk

On motion of R. E. Warren voted to close the Polls at 3 oclock P. M.

The Ballot Box was then opened and shown publicly to be and was examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and found to be empty - the box was then closed and locked and the keys taken by James Carney, Constable in charge - The Register stood - 0000 ——

The Polls were then declared open and the voting began - and continued until 3 oclock P. M. when, no objection being made the Polls were declared closed -

The Ballot Box Register indicated
595 Ballots Cast.

The names checked on the voting List were then Counted audibly and publicly and were —— 595

The Box without being removed from public view was then opened ~~in public view~~ by the Selectmen and the ballotts taken therefrom and counted audibly and publicly one by one and were 595

The votes for each officer voted for were then canvassed and counted and declared as follows

For Electors of President and Vice President U.S.

At Large

Mark Hopkins	of Williamstown	had	Three hundred ninety two	392
Thomas Talbot	" Billerica	"	Three hundred ninety two	392
Jonas H. French	" Gloucester	"	One hundred thirty four	134
Reuben Noble	" Westfield	"	One hundred thirty four	134
John I. Baker	" Beverly	"	Fifty two	52
Albion C. Drinkwater	" Braintree	"	Fifty two	52
Alonzo A. Miner	" Boston	"	Seventeen	17
Robert C. Pitman	" Newton	"	Seventeen	17

First District

Azariah Eldridge	of Falmouth	had	Three hundred ninety two	392
George Delano	" New Bedford	"	One hundred thirty four	134
Thomas B. Chase	" Harwich	"	Fifty two	52
Charles Almy	" New Bedford	"	Seventeen	17

Second District

Sylvanus N. Staples	of Taunton	had	Three hundred ninety two	392
Bushrod Morse	" Sharon	"	One hundred thirty four	134
William D. Douglass	" Brockton	"	Fifty two	52
Thomas J. Lothrop	" Taunton	"	Seventeen	17

Third District

Arthur W. Tufts	of Boston	had	Three hundred ninety two	392
Francis A. Peters	" Boston	"	One hundred thirty four	134
James Sumner	" Milton	"	Fifty two	52
Eugene H. Clapp	" Boston	"	Seventeen	17

Fourth District

Ebenezer M. McPherson	of Boston	had	Three hundred ninety two	392
Hugh A. Madden	" Boston	"	One hundred thirty four	134
Dennis O'Reilly	" Boston	"	Fifty two	52
Israel S. Drafton	" Boston	"	Seventeen	17

Fifth District

Samuel C. Montague	of	Cambridge	had Three hundred ninety two	392
Christopher E. Symes	"	Somerville	" One hundred thirty four	134
Gilman F. Jones	"	Woburn	" Fifty two	52
James H. Roberts	"	Cambridge	" Seventeen	17

Sixth District

Ezra A. Stevens	of	Malden	had Three hundred ninety two	392
Knowles Freeman	"	Chelsea	" One hundred thirty four	134
Henry Hastings Jr.	"	Medford	" Fifty two	52
George H. Harwood	"	Lynn	" Seventeen	17

Seventh District

Daniel B. Nagar	of	Salem	had Three hundred ninety two	392
Charles P. Thompson	"	Gloucester	" One hundred thirty four	134
Harry H. Hale	"	Bradford	" Fifty two	52
James J. H. Gregory	"	Marblehead	" Seventeen	17

Eighth District

Charles A. Stott	of	Lowell	had Three hundred ninety two	392
John C. Sanborn	"	Lawrence	" One hundred thirty four	134
James H. Carmichael	"	Lowell	" Fifty two	52
James K. Fellows	"	Lowell	" Seventeen	17

Ninth District

Lucius G. Pratt	of	Newton	had Three hundred ninety two	392
James E. Cotter	"	Hyde Park	" One hundred thirty four	134
Patrick J. Conway	"	Marlborough	" Fifty two	52
Claudius B. Travis	"	Natick	" Seventeen	17

Tenth District

Philip L. Moen	of	Worcester	had Three hundred ninety two	392
Waldo Lincoln	"	Worcester	" One hundred thirty four	134
John Flint	"	Webster	" Fifty two	52
Charles Heritage	"	Warren	" Seventeen	17

Eleventh District

Eli A. Hubbard of Hatfield	had	Three hundred ninety two	392
Freeman C. Currier " Fitchburg	"	One hundred thirty four	134
William O. Crocker of Montague	"	Fifty two	52
Benjamin Snow " Fitchburg	"	Seventeen	17

Twelfth District

William S. Shurtleff of Springfield	had	Three hundred ninety two	392
Elisha B. Maynard " Springfield	"	One hundred thirty four	134
William M. E. Mellen " Chicopee	"	Fifty two	52
John Blackmer " Springfield	"	Seventeen	17

For Governor

George D. Robinson of Chicopee	had	Four hundred nine	409
William C. Endicott " Salem	"	One hundred twenty two	122
Matthew J. McCafferty " Worcester	"	Fifty two	52
Julius H. Seelye " Amherst	"	Eleven	11
		Blank one	1

For Lieutenant Governor

Oliver Ames of Easton	had	Four hundred six	406
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield	"	One hundred twenty four	124
Albert R. Rice " Springfield	"	Fifty three	53
Henry H. Fason " Quincy	"	Eleven	11
		Blank one	1

For Secretary of State

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	had	Four hundred ten	410
Jeremiah Crowley " Lowell	"	One hundred twenty five	125
John P. Sweeney " Lawrence	"	Fifty	50
George Kempton " Sharon	"	Ten	10

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford	had	Four hundred nine	409
Charles Marsh " Springfield	"	One hundred twenty six	126
Nathaniel S. Cushing " Middleborough	"	Fifty	50
Charles B. Knight " Worcester	"	Ten	10

For Auditor

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had	Four hundred nine	409
John Hopkins " Millbury "	One hundred twenty six	126
Israel W. Andrews " Danvers "	Fifty	50
William W. Sherman " Lowell "	Ten	10

For Attorney General

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had	Four hundred ten	410
John W. Cummings " Fall River "	One hundred twenty five	125
Thomas W. Clarke " Boston "	Fifty	50
Samuel M. Fairfield " Malden "	Nine	9
	Blank — one —	1

For one Representative to Congress - Tenth District -

William W. Rice of Worcester had	Four hundred nine	409
James E. Estabrook " Worcester "	One hundred twenty seven	127
James H. Mellen " Worcester "	Forty nine	49
William H. Earle " Worcester "	Eight	8
Edward C. Thurber " Grafton "	One	1
	Blank — one —	1

For Councillor - Second District -

Warren E. Locke of Norwood had	Four hundred twelve	412
Augustus B. Endicott " Dedham "	One hundred twenty five	125
Edward Hamilton " Boston "	Forty two	42
Merit P. Alderman " Hyde Park "	Seven	7
	Blank — nine —	9

For Senator - Second Worcester District -

Arthur F. Whitin of Northbridge had	Four hundred twenty two	422
George G. Parker " Milford "	One hundred sixty	160
Sylvester C. Fay " Southborough "	Seven	7
	Blank — Five —	5
George W. Hobbs " Uxbridge "	One	1

For Representative to next General Court - Third Worcester District -

Benjamin L. M. Smith of Northbridge had	Three hundred ninety six	396
George H. Bennett " Northbridge "	One hundred thirty eight	138
Henry O'Donnell " Northbridge "	Fifty	50
	Blank — Eleven —	11

For one County Commissioner

James H. Barker of Milford had	Four hundred twelve	412
Americus Welch " Blackstone "	One hundred twenty five	125
A. E. Smith " Leicester "	Ten	10
William H. Thurston " Oxford "	Eight	8
	Blank — Forty —	40

For a District Attorney - Middle District
to fill vacancy caused by the decease
of Francis T. Blackmer

William S. B. Hopkins of Worcester had	Four hundred eleven	411
John W. Corcoran " Clinton "	One hundred twenty five	125
James F. Purcell " Worcester "	Eight	8
	Blank - Fifty one -	51

One Ballot was cancelled about half its length
and one about two thirds its length - both were Counted -

The returns were made out signed and sealed
and the Check List and ballots sealed in
separate envelopes as required by law -
and properly endorsed -
On motion of Silas E. Stone the
Meeting Dissolved

A true Record
Attested -
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Grafton and Northbridge, held at Grafton on Wednesday November 5th 1884 at 12 o'clock M. - upon examination of the Certificates of the Selectmen of the said towns it was found that Benjamin L. M. Smith of Northbridge had been elected Representative to the General Court from the Third Worcester Representative District - the vote being as follows - to wit -

	Benjamin L. M. Smith of Northbridge had	George F. Bennett of Northbridge had	Henry O'Donnell of Northbridge had	Blank	
vote of Grafton	396	138	50	11	595
" " Northbridge	320	154	65	11	550
Total	716	292	115	22	1145

And certificates stating that said Benjamin L. M. Smith was elected were sent to the Representative elect and to the Secretary of State. Boston

A true record
Attest.
Arthur F. Simmons
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass.
February 21st, 1885.

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the ballots cast at the Election held November 4th, 1884. without examining the same and that the envelope containing said ballots has not been opened since said election but was destroyed unopened with said ballots this day - and that I have this day delivered unto Arthur A. Simmons Clerk of the Board of Registrars of Voters the check List contained in the envelope in which it was originally secured - said List being the same List used at the Election held on November 4th, 1884. and the seal of said envelope being unbroken and the said envelope unopened - all being done as by law directed -

Attested -

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Sutton, Feb. 16. 1885.

The undersigned hereby certify, that, having this day perambulated the boundary lines between the Towns of Sutton and Grafton, they found the bound posts all set and in good condition, with the exception of a point in the road near the bridge in Wilkinsonville, where no post could be found

Geo. J. Dudley } Selectmen of Sutton

John E. McCallan } Selectmen of Grafton

Received and Recorded
February 17th, 1885 at 8 h. 35 m. P.M.
Attest.

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

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TOWN WARRANT.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on MONDAY, the second day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2nd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3d. To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

ART. 4th. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways, and Bridges, the ensuing year.

ART. 5th. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

ART. 6th. To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

ART. 7th. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

ART. 8th. To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

ART. 9th. To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

ART. 10th. To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

ART. 11th. To see if the town will cause one of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 o'clock, M., and at 9'clock, P. M., or act thereon.

ART. 12th. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon.

ART. 13th. To see if the Town will revoke its action whereby it accepted the provisions of chapter 158 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1871, or act thereon.

ART. 14th. Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors, in this town?

ART. 15th. To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act thereon.

ART. 16th. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a collector, may use, and act thereon.

ART. 17th. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee, Committees or Agents of the Town to investigate all the matters relating to the estates of the late Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field, deceased, and the late Mrs. Almira Rawson, deceased, and the late Dr. Levi Rawson, deceased: Augustus Fowler being administrator of Dr. Rawson and the said Augustus and Franklin Fowler being administrators, with the will annexed, of said Almira Rawson and executors of the will of Mrs. Field; and to see if the Town will authorize by vote said Committees or Agents so chosen to have full power and to act for the Town in the settlement of all the said estates and all the Probate accounts of said Administrators and Executors of said estates, and to receiving from said Administrators and Executors all the Legacies and Sums and things due from said Estates, or any of them, to the Town of Grafton, and give receipts and releases under seal in full or otherwise to said Administrators and Executors therefor, or receipts of same—the Committees or Agents to have full power to say and judge as to what is due from said estates to the Town.

ART. 18th To see if the Town will vote, or act, or do anything in regard to the settlement of said estates by said Administrators and Executors, and in regard to the Legacies or Sums or things given to or coming to said Town of Grafton out of said estates, or any of them, and in relation to collecting and receiving any Legacies, or sums, or things due to said Town from them, and as to releasing said Executors and Administrators in full on the Town receiving the same.

ART. 19th. To see if the town will authorize and allow the said Executors of Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field to pay out of said Field Estate two certain notes of $1000 each and interest, signed by Mrs. Field and running one to Elizabeth P. Nelson and the other to Caroline B. Nelson.

ART. 20th. To see if the Town will authorize the Committees or Agents so appointed to sign and execute an Indemnity Agreement under seal in behalf of the Town, over the name of the Town by them indemnifying the Executors and Administrators against all loss, damage and costs they may sustain if they will pay the Town within two (2) years from their appointment, any sums or legacies coming to the Town out of said estates, or any part of them, instead of retaining the same in their hands till the end of the two (2) years.

ART. 21st. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Executors of the Will of the late Louisa A. R. Field, deceased, to pay to Thankfull Fuller the sum of Fifty dollars, said amount having been allowed her by Mrs. Field (by interest and otherwise) on a certain Mortgage Note, or to act thereon.

ART. 22nd. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the suit of Jason Washburn against the town of Grafton, or act thereon.

ART. 23d. To see if the town will vote to fit up a dining room and kitchen in the basement of the Town House, or act thereon.

ART. 24th. To see if the Town will vote to place the care and renting of the Town House in the hands of a Committee of three (3) persons to be chosen for one (1) year, two (2) years and three (3) years, respectively, and to choose said Committee, or act thereon.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for Town Officers at 9.30 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at 1.30 o'clock P. M., or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

JOSEPH A. DODGE,
JOHN E. McCLELLAN,
EDWARD F. CHAMBERLAIN,
SAMUEL E. LELAND,
LEWIS H. BIGELOW.
} Selectmen of Grafton.

WORCESTER, ss., February 20th, 1885.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, on Friday the twentieth day of February current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

JAMES CARNEY,
Constable of Grafton.

For a written copy of Warrant for meeting held March 2nd 1885 see Pages 77-78-79-80-81 of this volume

A true copy of Warrant and Return
Attested
Arthur N. Simmons
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legall voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall at 9 o'clock A. M. on Monday March 2d, 1885, and transacted business as follows

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M. by Arthur A. Simmons Town Clerk who read the warrant and under Article first called for a ballot for moderator - a ballot was then had resulting as follows

whole number of ballots cast 29
of which S. D. Hall had 1
and Charles M. Batchelder " 28 and was elected.

Charles M. Batchelder then took charge of the meeting and called upon Rev. Benj. A. Cobie who offered prayer -

Art. 2. Moved by Alden M. Bigelow that we vote on one ticket for

1 Town Clerk
5 Selectmen
1 Treasurer
3 Assessors
1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years
1 Road Commissioner " 3 "
1 School Committee " 3 "
1 Sinking Fund Com. " 3 "
1 Trustee Riverside Cemetery " 5 "
1 " Pine Grove " " 5 "
1 " Fairview " " 5 "
1 Common Committee " 3 "
7 Constables

Amendment offered by Edward Fahey that we have 3 Selectmen instead of 5

A vote was taken on the Amendment and the same declared - lost -
A vote was then taken on original motion and was declared - carried -

Art. 14 voted on motion of E. Thurber
"that we vote on the License Question at the same time that we vote for Town Officers"

voted on motion of Alden M. Bigelow
"that the votes for no license printed with the word "No" only be counted NO - and the votes for license printed with the word "Yes" only be counted Yes and that said ballots shall all be counted as legal and that the ballots of Yes and No on the License Question having other printing on same in addition to the words Yes and No shall also be counted as legal"

Art. 2 voted on motion of Henry F. Wing
"that the name Jere. Robinson on the printed ballots for Assessor be entered upon the Records as Jeremiah Robinson and that the name of William Downing on the printed ballots for Constable be entered upon the Records as William Downing"

Art. 2 & 14 Balloting then began at 9-20 o'clock A. M. and continued as follows-

voted on motion of Samuel A. Redding
"that the Polls close at two o'clock P. M."

At 12-15 o'clock P. M. voted on motion of D. B. Hubbard "that the meeting be adjourned until one o'clock P. M. for dinner"

Balloting proceeded from 9-20 A. M. to 12-15 P. M. and the meeting was then adjourned to one o'clock P. M. in accordance with the foregoing vote -

The legal voters reassembled as per adjournment at 1 o'clock P.M. the Polls were at once opened and balloting continued until 2-45 o'clock P.M. in accordance with the following votes numbered one and two respectively

No. 1. voted "to reconsider the vote to close Polls at 2 o'clock P.M."

No. 2. voted "to close the Polls at 2-45 o'clock P.M."

At 2-45 o'clock P.M. the Polls for Town Officers and the vote on the License Question were closed and the result of the balloting announced by the Town Clerk as follows.

Whole number of Votes cast 401

For

Town Clerk

sworn 3/2/85	Arthur A. Simmons	had 400	and was elected
	Blank	1	

Selectmen

sworn 3/2/85	Andrew J. Hall	"	395	do
"	Lewis H. Bigelow	"	395	do
"	Samuel E. Leland	"	399	do
"	Albert L. Fisher	"	390	do
"	Edward A. Estabrook	"	399	do
	C. H. Nelson	"	2	
	E. Fowler	"	1	
	T. Wilmarth	"	1	
	George H. Brooks	"	1	
	R. Tinker	"	1	
	Solon F. Smith	"	2	
	Blank		19	

Treasurer

sworn 3/2/85 Henry F. Wing had 400 and was elected
Blank 1

Assessors

sworn 3/9 Daniel B. Hubbard " 385 do
" Ashley W. Rice " 395 do
" Jeremiah Robinson " 400 do
J. B. Sibley " 4
S. E. Stowe " 4
John McClellan " 1
Blank 18

Overseer of Poor for 3 years

sworn 3/2 Henry L. Banister " 399 and was elected
Blank 4

Road Commissioner for 3 years "
Rufus E. Warren " 240 do
Albert Bradish " 157
Seth Stockwell " 3
Blank 1

School Committee for 3 years
Daniel B. Hubbard " 385 and was elected
Rev. F. J. Bartlett " 4
P. Y. Smith " 1
L. M. Sargent " 1
S. H. Knowlton " 1
Samuel Cisco " 1
Blank 10

Sinking Fund Commissioner for 3 years
Joseph A. Dodge " 401 and was elected

Trustee Riverside Cemetery for 5 years
John B. White " 401 do

Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years
Luther K. Leland " 401 do

Trustee Fairview Cemetery for 5 years
Albert L. Fisher " 401 do

Common Committee for 3 years
D. Webster Norcross " 394 do
J. B. Sibley " 4
A. H. White " 1
Blank 6

Constables

sworn 3/2/85	James Farney	had 398	and was elected
"	Luke T. Drury	" 397	do
"	William C. Fletcher	" 400	do
" 3/18/85	Clark C. Millis	" 399	do
sworn 3/2/85	William Downing	" 400	do
" 3/17/85	N. Alonzo Robinson	" 401	do
sworn 3/9/85	Chas. Herbert Nelson	" 397	do
	Addison Smith	" 1	
	Blank	14	

Vote on Ligense - whole number votes cast 371
Yes 222
NO 149

Art. 3. taken up. and it was voted that the following Reports be accepted as Printed -

Selectmen's	Pine Grove Cemetery	Book Agent's
Treasurer's	Fair View "	Sinking Fund Com.
Overseers of Poor	Riverside "	Town House Com.
Road Commissioners	Registrar's B. M. & D.	Com. Farmers S. Ho.
Fire Department	Water Committee's	Library

Collector's with the following additional payments of Taxes reported by him

Wm. K. Billings	12.57	L. Ciscoe	2.
H. P. McWilliams	2.	Lewis "	2.
Peter Govern	2.	" Whitney	2.
Mrs. Margt. Donhoe	4.41	Chas. Robbins	3.47
Henry Gogue	2.	U. Goshue	2.
Eugene Gravery	2.		

Total $36.45

Schools - with the following correction that the words "the Valedictorian" be struck out of the first line of page 7 and that the words "a member" be substituted therefor -

Art. 4 taken up – voted on motion of Alden M. Bigelow "To pass over the article"

Art. 5 taken up. voted on motion of Lyman M. Rice "that the Town raise the sum of $33.000 dollars to defray Town Charges the ensuing Year"

voted on motion of John McClellan "that each Item be appropriated separately"

voted – the following Appropriations

Reduction Town Debt	1000	dollars
Interest " "	3.000	"
High School	1.600	"
Common Schools	6.500	"
Fire Dept.	1.400	"
Highways	2.500	"
Library – dog tax and	100	"
Support of Poor	5.000	"
Sink.g Fund Town House	1.360	"
Memorial Day	100.	"
Common	25	"
Town Clerk	75	"
Treasurer	60	"
Special Repairs 1884 Town No.	102.139	"
Furniture " "	630.	"
Gas Mach. & Fixtures " "	800.	"
Miscellaneous	95.09	"
Total	25.266.48	"

The above amount with the Appropriations made in 1884 to be assessed in the taxes of 1885 to wit

Apl. 28/84.	6.000.	dollars
Sep. 3/84	375.	"
" 23/84	400.	"
" 23/84	187.82	"
Oct. 16/84	770.70	"
Total	7.733.52	

makes the total amount of Appropriations to be assessed in the Taxes of 1.885 the sum of 33.000 dollars

On the Appropriation for Common Schools
it was first moved
"to be 5.000 dollars"

Amendment offered
"to be 6.500 dollars"

Second Amendment offered
"to be 7.000 dollars"

The second amendment was lost.
the first do " carried
" original motion as amended " "

On the appropriation for Highways
it was first moved
"to be 3.000 dollars"

Amendment offered
"to be 2.500 dollars"

Second Amendment offered
"to be 2.000 dollars"

The second Amendment was lost
" first " " carried
" original motion as amended " "

On the Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses
it was first moved
"to be nothing"
Amendment offered
"to be 95.09 dollars"

Second Amendment offered
"to raise 2.224.91 dollars
in addition to the 33.000 dollars"

The second Amendment was lost
" first " " carried
" original motion as amended " "

Art. 6 taken up.

voted on motion of Joseph A. Dodge

"That all Poll Taxes be payable on demand - that all Taxes except Poll Taxes, paid on or before September first be subject to a discount of two (2) per cent - that all taxes be paid to the Collector on or before October first - that all taxes remaining unpaid after October first be subject to an addition of Seven (7) per cent per annum until paid and all legal costs for Collecting - that all taxes remaining unpaid on January first next, the collector is hereby instructed, to proceed to collect by law"

"The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all monies by him collected once in ten (10) days from the time he shall receive the Tax List."

An Amendment to above motion by Edward Taha,

"That December 1st. be substituted for Oct. 1st."

was lost.

voted on motion of D. B. Hubbard - "that the Collection of the Taxes be set up at auction"

The same was set up at auction by the Moderator and struck off to Charles A. White at Nine (9) mills this ~~bid~~ being the lowest bid offered.

Art. 7 taken up and a ballot was had for a Collector of Taxes - resulting as follows -

whole number of votes cast 129

Charles A. White	had	75 and was elected
Jeremiah Robinson	"	48
W. S. Wood	"	2
Chas. White	"	1
Charles H. White	"	1
Alden A. Hoxie	"	1
John Brown of No. 9	"	1

An announcement was then made by the Moderator that one ballot was cast more than names that were checked on voting List as having voted.

John A. Swetzer then stated that he understood his to be the ballot referred to and that he supposed his name had been checked

It was then voted ~~the~~ on motion of Alden M. Bigelow "that the Selectmen check John A. Swetzer's name on the voting List"

Mr. Swetzer being a legal voter and his name appearing on the List it was then checked accordingly -

Voted on motion of J. B. Sibley "that when we adjourn it be to one week from this date at two (2) o'clock P. M."

Art. 7 taken up.

voted on motion of Alden M. Bigelow
"That it be the same as
last year"

Art. 8 taken up.

voted on motion of Henry Mann
"That it be the same as last year"

Art. 9 taken up.

voted on motion of Silas E. Stowe
"That the Jury List be accepted
as printed" the following is
the List

Adams - Joseph
Atell, Peyton R.
Banister, Henry L.
Brown, William H.
Barber, Albert
Brisson, George
Brewer, William E.
Brewer, Thomas H.
Brooks, Henry E.
Brown, John A. (S. V.)
Bigelow, Oscar F.
Batchelor, Sanford L.
Clark, Edward S.
Chamberlain, Edward F.
Coe, George S.
Cunningham, William J.
Crowe, Patrick H.
Chaffin, Frank W.
Carpenter, Gardner L. H.
Dunn, George M.
Davenport, Stearnes L.
Dearborn, George A.
Despeau, Charles K.
Davis, Lorin S.
Estabrook, Edward A.
Ennis, Peter
Elliott, Aaron
Fahay, Edward
Fowler, Augustus
Fiske, David L.
Ford, Edwin A.
Fay, George A.
Fitzpatrick, Edward
Goddard, Perley
Gleason, James
Goddard, J. Augustus
Hall, Henry
Harrington, George W.
Howell, Frank M.
Knowlton, Albert B.
Keith - Moses A.
Keith - John F.
Kelley - Maurice E.
Leland - Levi M. Jr.
Leonard - Sumner F.
Long - Richard
Miles - James
Mann - Henry
McGarry, Francis M.
McKenzie - James W.
Manning - Thomas J.
Newton - George R.
Paine - Elias A.
Piper - James
Pratt - Charles L.
Rice - Lyman M.
Sinclair - J. Elbridge
Stowe - Silas E.
Stowe - Lewis A.
Sweetser - John A.
Stockbridge - Romanzo E.
Snow - Israel F.
Thurston - John C.
Thomas - James F.
Thurber, Edward C.
Whitney - John A.
Walters - George Washington

Art. 10 taken up -

voted on motion of Ashley W. Rose
"That the High School be kept in the
Centre District the ensuing year"

Art. 11 voted on motion of David L. Fiske
"To Pass over this article"

Art. 12 taken up.
voted unanimously
"That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sums of money as are needed for the use of the Town"

Art. 13 taken up.
moved by David L. Fiske
"To Pass over the article"
This motion was lost.

moved by George S. Coe and voted by the Town
"that we revote the vote whereby we accepted the provisions of chapter 158 of the acts of the Legislature of the year 1871."

Art. 14 taken up.
moved by J. B. Sibley
"That the care of the roads be left in the hands of the Selectmen and they be instructed to employ one general superintendent for the Roads"

Amendment offered by David L. Fiske
"That the Selectmen be instructed to appoint one man in each of the old Highway Districts"

The Amendment was put and lost
The original motion of Mr. Sibley was then put and carried.

Art. 22 taken up -

Moved by Joseph A. Dodge
"That the matter be left in the hands of the Building Committee and they be authorized to take charge of the suit on behalf of the Town"

Amendment offered
"That the word "Building" be struck out of above motion and that a Committee be appointed who shall not be the Building Committee"

Second Amendment offered by Mr. Miles
"That the Committee be instructed to settle with Mr. Washburn by paying what he claims"

The Second Amendment was lost
" first " " "
" original motion was carried

Art. 17 taken up on motion of D. L. Fiske
voted "That a Committee of three (3) be appointed to investigate all the matters relating to the estates of the late Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field, deceased, and the late Mrs. Almira Rawson, deceased, and the late Dr. Levi Rawson, deceased: Augustus Fowler being administrator of Dr. Rawson and the said Augustus and Franklin Fowler being administrators, with the will annexed, of said Almira Rawson and executors of the will of Mrs. Field; and ~~to see if the Town will authorize by vote~~ that said Committee ~~or Agents so chosen to~~ have full power ~~and~~ to act for the Town in the settlement of all the said estates and all the Probate accounts of said Administrators and Executors of said estates, and to ~~receiving~~ receive from said Administrators and Executors all the Legacies and Sums and things due from said Estates, or any of them, to the Town of Grafton, and give receipts and releases under seal in full or otherwise to said Administrators and Executors therefor, or receipts of same—the Committee ~~or Agents~~ to have full power to say and judge as to what is due from said estates to the Town.

and that said Committee be the following named persons
Henry F. Wing
David L. Fiske
Joseph A. Dodge "

for a written record of vote under this article see pages 81-82 of this book

Art. 18 voted on motion of David L. Fiske
"To Pass over this article"

Art. 19 taken up.
voted on motion of J. B. Sibley
"That the Executors of Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field be hereby authorized and allowed

to pay out of said Field Estate two certain notes of $1000 each and interest, signed by Mrs. Field and running one to Elizabeth P. Nelson and the other to Caroline B. Nelson.

For a written record of vote under this article see page 82 of this book.

Art. 20 taken up.
voted on motion of J. B. Sibley
"That the Committee appointed under Article 17 of the Warrant for this meeting be authorized

to sign and execute an Indemnity Agreement under seal in behalf of the Town, over the name of the Town by them indemnifying the Executors and Administrators against all loss, damage and costs they may sustain if they will pay the Town within two (2) years from their appointment, any sums or legacies coming to the Town out of said estates, or any part of them, instead of retaining the same in their hands till the end of the two (2) years.

For a written record of vote under this article see pages 82-83 of this book

Art. 21 taken up
voted on motion of J. B. Sibley

"That the Executors of the Will of the late Louisa A. R. Field, deceased, be allowed and authorized to pay to Thankfull Fuller the sum of Fifty dollars, said amount having been allowed her by Mrs. Field (by interest and otherwise) on a certain Mortgage Note. ~~or to act thereon.~~

For a written record of vote under article 21 see page 83 of this book.

voted on motion of John McClellan
that this meeting stand adjourned to Monday March 9th 1885 at 2 o'clock P. M.

A true record
Attested
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Grafton March 9th 1885

Meeting adjourned from March 2nd 1885 was called to order by Moderator at 2 o'clock P.M. this day -

On motion of A. M. Bigelow it was voted that the reading of the Records of the last meeting be dispensed with

Art. 2 taken up. voted to have 12 Field Drivers and the following were duly elected -

Oscar F. Bigelow
sworn 3/18/85 Charles D. Kendall
Peter Goodnow
Thomas Carr
Victor Chapdelain
William Kearns
sworn James Nevin
A. J. Kirby
Joseph Cartier
Henry Miles
Charles Warren
sworn 3/17/85 Eugene Beauregard

voted to have 3 Fence Viewers and the following were duly elected

sworn David L. Fiske
sworn 3/9/85 Silas E. Stowe
James G. Putnam

voted that the remaining Town Officers be left with the Selectmen to appoint

Art. 15 voted on motion Edward Fahey to "Pass over this article"

Art. 16 taken up. voted on motion S. A. Knowlton "That the Collector be authorized to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use" -

Art. 23 taken up -
moved by John McClellan
To pass over the article

Amendment moved by A. M. Bigelow
"That the Town House Building Committee that had charge of Repairs on the Town House be authorized to fit up a dining room and kitchen in the basement of the Town House"

The Amendment was carried -
The motion as amended was put and carried -
so the motion as amended prevailed -

Art. 5 taken up. Moved by A. M. Bigelow
"That the sum of $350.00 dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of fitting up a dining room and kitchen in the basement of the Town House"

Amendment moved by John McClellan
that the words "be raised" be struck out

Amendment was put and lost
original motion " " " prevailed

Art. 24 taken up -
voted on motion of A. M. Bigelow
"That we do place the care and renting of the Town House in the hands of a Committee of 3 persons to be elected for 1 year 2 years and 3 years respectively"

Art. 2 taken up and on motion of A. M. Bigelow a ballott was taken by check list for the Committee raised by vote under article 24 resulting as follows

Horace S. Warren	for 3 years	had 54	and was elected	
Jonathan B. Sibley	" 2 "	" 53	"	
Henry F. Wing	" 1 "	" 54	"	

John A. Abbott for 3 years had 3 Frank Newton for 2 years had 3
Rev. James Boyle " " 1 S. E. Leland " " " 1

Charles Allen for 1 year had 3
Frank N. Hall " " 1

The resignation of Charles A. White as Collector as Taxes was received and read by Moderator

Art. 6 taken up.
The taxes were put up at auction by the Moderator and struck off to John B. White at 5 mills his being the lowest bid offered —

Art. 7 taken up —
a ballott by check List was had for a collector resulting as follows

sworn 3/16/85 John B. White had 51 and was elected
Joseph Carter " 3

Moved by W. S. Wood that we have another constable added to the present list. The motion was lost —

Art. 5 taken up
voted on motion of D. B. Hubbard
"That the sum of 100 dollars be appropriated for paying the expenses of the Library at North Grafton the past year and the year ensuing"

The following — offered by D. B. Hubbard to test the sense of the meeting and being outside of all articles in the Warrant and therefore not legally binding upon the town — was voted —
"Resolved — that our Senator Hon. Arthur F. Whitin and our representative B. L. M. Smith Esq. be requested to vote in favor of the bill repealing the law in relation to the taxation of mortgages"

voted on motion of Henry F. Ming
"That a Committee of 5 be appointed to consider the advisability of celebrating the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town which occurs April 29th next and to report at the adjourned meeting in April next." and the following persons were chosen as said Committee

Henry F. Ming
Daniel B. Hubbard
Silas E. Stone
Rev. James Boyle
Ezekiel Fowler

Art. 3 taken up
Voted on motion of S. H. Knowlton
"That the Assessors make a Report for the year 1885 like the other Town officers and that the same be printed with the other Town Reports"

Adjourned to Monday April 6th, 1885
at 1 o'clock P. M.

A true Record
Attested
Arthur Simmons
Town Clerk

Grafton March 16th 1885

At a meeting of the Selectmen this day the following appointments were made.

Lock-Up & Pound Keeper

sworn 3/17/85 James Carney

Weighers Hay and Coal and Measurers Wood

Austin G. Kempton
sworn 4/7/85 Luther K. Leland
" " Elisha Holbrook
" " E. O. Lindley
Geo. K. Nichols
Harry L. Nichols
sworn 4/7/85 Amos G. Getchell

Measurers of Wood

John B. White
sworn 3/25/85 Lyman W. Rice
Austin G. Kempton

Surveyors of Lumber

sworn 3/28/85 Lyman W. Rice
Austin G. Kempton
sworn 4/7/85 Lewis Jennings
Jason Washburn

Sealer Weights and Measures

sworn 3/19/85 Samuel E. Leland

Attested-
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Grafton April 6th 1885

Meeting adjourned from March 9th. was called to order by Moderator at 1 oclock P. M. this day and the following business was transacted

Art. 2 taken up - on motion of D. B. Hubbard D. W. Norcross was elected Fence Viewer for the current year in place of James G. Putnam who declined to serve -

sworn 4/6/85

Art. 12 taken up. Voted on motion of H. F. Wing that the vote under this article at the Meeting held March 2nd 1885 "be reconsidered" -

voted on motion of H. F. Wing
"That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes"

voted on motion of H. F. Wing, two thirds of the legal voters present and voting, having voted therefor
"That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor" -

Art. 3 taken up. the following report was presented and accepted by the voters present.

Art. 3 "The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the town in an appropriate manner on the 29th of April have attended to the business committed to them and report that the Committee are unanimous in the opinion that the day should be observed in a manner worthy of the occasion — They recommend a public address commemorative of the event to be delivered in the Town Hall - A dinner in the lower hall - and a concert in the evening - They also recommend that Frank P. Goulding Esq. be invited to deliver the address - and that the Town Bands be invited to furnish music for the occasion They also recommend the appointment of a Committee with power to make all necessary arrangements therefor - also that an appropriation be made to defray the expense that may be incurred -

For the Committee -
Henry F. Wing, Chairman

Grafton April 6th 1885"

Voted on motion of Jno. D. Wheeler "That the same Committee be authorized to carry out the plans in the foregoing report"

Art. 5 Moved by — H. F. Allen "That the sum of Three hundred (300) dollars be appropriated to carry out the plans in the foregoing report"

Mr. Allen's motion was ruled "out of order" by Moderator -
appeal taken to house which sustained the appeal —

Voted on motion of Alden M. Bigelow "That we raise and appropriate 300 dollars to be used by the Centennial Committee to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the town as per the Committees report."

Art. 3 taken up.

voted that the following vote under this article at the meeting held March 9th to wit -

"That the Assessors make a Report for the Year 1885 like the other Town Officers and that the same be printed with the other town reports"

"be reconsidered"

Voted - on motion of S. A. Knowlton "That the Assessors valuation of the taxable property of the town for the year 1885 be printed" —

At 2 o'clock and 5 minutes P. M. the Meeting dissolved —

A true record -
Attested -
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

April 6th 1885.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen, held this day -
Francis N. Hall, Democrat
was appointed a member of the Board of Registration for three years to the first day of May A.D. 1888

D. A. Bigelow
A. L. Fisher
E. A. Estabrook
A. J. Hall
S. E. Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton

To the Town Clerk of Grafton

Received by Town Clerk April 6th/85 at 8.30 P.M.
Attest. Arthur A. Simmons Town Clerk

A true record - Attested -
Arthur A. Simmons
Town clerk

April 6th 1885

At a regular meeting of the Selectmen this day - the following appointments were made -

Engineers Fire Department
Solon F. Smith
Alden M. Bigelow
C. C. Willis
E. Fowler
H. E. Brooks
Aaron Elliott

Sextons
James Gleason - Amos G. Getchell

Measurer of Wood and Weigher of Hay & Coal
sworn 4/7/85 William Keach

Attested - Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Worcester S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the eighteenth day of May current at two o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the Town will accept and order to be recorded a Town Road laid out by the Selectmen of the Town beginning at the North line of the Road leading from the village of Fisherville to the village of Farnumsville in said town about one and one half (1 1/2) rods East of the Bridge over the Blackstone River on said Road and at land of Margaret Trainor, thence North 45° 45' East 1,100 7/10 feet to a post at a stone wall on land of the Deborah Sherman Estate, thence North 81° East 441 1/10 feet to a post on the West line of Hall Street "so called" in said Farnumsville near the house occupied by Lorenzo Sherman in said Farnumsville - said road running over land of Margaret Trainor and land of the Estate of Deborah Sherman laid out as per report of said Selectmen dated April 24° 1885 and now on file in the Town Clerk's Office - the length of said road being about fifteen hundred forty one and eight tenths (1541 8/10) feet and the width of said Road being three (3) rods - and build said road and appropriate and raise money therefore to be paid out of the taxes of 1886 - or act thereon -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said town,

and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five

Lewis A. Bigelow
S. E. Leland
A. J. Hall
E. A. Estabrook
A. L. Fisher
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S. S. Grafton May 14th 1885

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders village, on Saturday the ninth day of May current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and Return
attest. Arthur A. Simmons
Town clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled at the Town Hall on Monday May 18th 1885 and transacted business as follows.

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and called for a ballott for moderator. The clerk appointed and duly sworn Lewis A. Bigelow and Albert L. Fisher Tellers

For Moderator Chas M. Batchelder had 6
A. A. Simmons " 1

Chas. M. Batchelder was declared elected and took Charge

of the meeting-

Article 2 taken up.

Moved by James Miles "That this article be laid on the table indefinitely"

This motion was put and lost.

Moved by John E. McClellan

"That the Town do accept and order to be recorded the Town Road mentioned and described in Article second of this Town Warrant for this Town Meeting, reported by our Selectmen as laid out by them, the laying out of which was filed in the Town clerk's office of this town May 8th 1865 as the law requires, and is now on file there; the said road extending from a point forty eight (48) feet East of the Bridge over the Blackstone River on the road from Fisherville to Farnumsville in said Town to a post near the house occupied by Lorenzo Sherman in said Farnumsville; the lenghth of said road being about fifteen hundred forty one (1541) feet and three (3) rods wide and that the Selectmen do proceed to so cause said road to be worked and built at the expense of the town and enter into Contracts if necessary for the building and completing of the same at a sum not to exceed the sum of eight hundred sixty five (865) dollars and that the damages awarded the landowners through whose land the said road is laid be also paid amounting to one hundred seventy one and $\frac{55}{100}$ (171 $\frac{55}{100}$) dollars"

The vote on above motion was

Yes 34

No 10

and the motion prevailed.

Moved by Doctor W. B. Maxwell

"That the Town Treasurer under the direction and with the approval of the Selectmen of the Town be authorized to borrow on behalf of the town and to give the note or notes of the town therefor and at a rate of interest not exceeding four (4) per cent per annum a sum or sums of money as a temporary loan in anticipation of the taxes of this town for 1886 not exceeding ten hundred thirty six and $\frac{55}{100}$ (1036.$\frac{55}{100}$) Dollars in all, for and to be applied to the building and completing said Road and paying the Land Damages due the Land owners aforesaid and that said sum or sums of money so borrowed by the Town as aforesaid being a Temporary Loan in anticipation of the taxes of this Town for the next year 1886 be paid out of the taxes of the next Year 1886 of this Town and that the said sum or sums not exceeding said sum in all of ten hundred thirty six and $\frac{55}{100}$ (1036$\frac{55}{100}$) Dollars be raised by taxation in 1886 by the town and the same be and hereby are appropriated to pay said sum or sums so borrowed for the building and completing of said Town Road so laid out and the Land Damages thereof as aforesaid and that the note or notes of the Treasurer therefor in behalf of said Town be made in conformity with this vote and payable in accordance therewith with interest not exceeding the rate aforesaid out of the Taxes of the Town for 1886."

The vote on above motion was

Yes 34

No 3

and the motion prevailed —

For Report of Selectmen on this Road see Road Book 1 - pp. 29 to 32 inc.

On motion of D. B. Nutt and the meeting dissolved

A true record - Attest -

Arthur F. Simmons
Town Clerk

June 2nd 1885

W. H. Bennett appointed Police officer by Selectmen sworn by me this day
Attest.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town clerk

June 9th 1885

Thomas A. S. Mitchell and Wm J. McNeil appointed Police officers by Selectmen sworn by me this day
Attest
Arthur A. Simmons
Town clerk

July 3rd 1885

The following persons appointed Special Police without pay by Selectmen for July 4th 1885 were duly sworn by me this day

Joseph Boncier
Simon Lavary
Lewis Allier
Geo. Tougas
Nap. Mongeau
Joseph Boutiette
Narcisse Delile
Antoine Peloquin
Elavir Mino
B. Guinon
Chs. Huse

~~Attest~~
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Whereas

the record of the Warrant for the Town Meeting held March 2nd 1885 on pages 48 and 49 of this volume and thereon attested to be a true copy of said warrant and return thereof, by the Town Clerk, is in printed form attached to said pages by pasting — and —

Whereas

the record of certain votes passed under articles 17-19-20 and 21 of said warrant at said town meeting held on March 2nd 1885 is partially in writing and partially in printed form attached by pasting upon pages 61 and 62 of this volume — and —

Whereas

it is thought advisable that the town records should contain a written copy of said Warrant and a written record of said votes

now therefore the ensuing is hereby certified to be a true copy of said Warrant and return thereof and a true record of said votes passed under articles 17-19-20-21 of said Warrant at said town meeting held March 2nd 1885 Arthur P. Simmons Town Clerk

Worcester, S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday, the second day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon

Art. 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways, and Bridges, the ensuing year.

Art. 5th. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon

Art. 6th. To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art. 7th. To see what Compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art. 8th. To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon,

Art. 9th. To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art. 10th. To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing Year.

Art. 11th. To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 o'clock, M., and at 9 o'clock, P. M., or act thereon.

Art. 12th. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town, or act thereon.

Art. 13th. To see if the Town will revoke its action whereby it accepted the provisions of chapter 158 of the acts of the Legislature of the year 1871, or act thereon.

Art. 14th. Shall License be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 15th. To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act thereon.

Art. 16th. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use, and act thereon.

Art. 17th To see if the Town will appoint a Committee, Committees or Agents of the Town to investigate all the matters relating to the Estates of the late Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field deceased and the late Mrs. Almira Rawson deceased and the late Dr. Levi Rawson deceased. Augustus Fowler being Administrator of Dr. Rawson and the said Augustus and Franklin Fowler being administrators with the will annexed of said Almira Rawson and Executors of the Will of Mrs. Field and to see if the Town will authorize by vote said Committees or Agents so chosen to have full power and to act for the town in the settlement of all the said Estates and all the Probate Accounts of said Administrators and Executors of said Estates and to receiving from said Administrators and Executors all the Legacies and sums and things due from said Estates or any of them to the Town of Grafton and give receipts and releases under seal in full or otherwise to said Administrators and executors therefor or receipts of same. The Committees or Agents to have full power to say and judge as to what is due from said Estates to the Town.

Art. 18th To see if the Town will vote or act or do anything in regard to the settlement of said Estates by said Administrators and Executors and in regard to the Legacies or Sums or things given to or coming to said Town of Grafton out of said Estates or any of them and in relation to collecting and receiving any Legacies, or Sums, or things due to said town from them and as to releasing said Executors and Administrators in full on the Town receiving the same.

Art. 19th To see if the Town will authorize and allow the said Executors of Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field to pay out of said Field Estate two certain notes of $1000. each and interest signed by Mrs. Field and running one to Elizabeth P. Nelson and the other to Caroline B. Nelson

Art. 20th. To see if the Town will authorize the Committee or Agents so appointed to sign and execute an Indemnity Agreement under seal in behalf of the Town over the name of the Town by them indemnifying the Executors and Administrators against all Loss, Damage and costs they may sustain if they will pay the Town within two (2) years from their appointment any sums or Legacies coming to the Town out of said Estates or any part of them instead of retaining the same in their hands till the end of the two (2) years.

Art. 21st. To see if the Town will vote, to allow the Executors of the will of the late Louisa A. R. Field, deceased, to pay to Thankfull Fuller the sum of Fifty dollars, said amount having been allowed her by Mrs. Field, (by interest and otherwise) on a certain Mortgage Note, or to act thereon

Art. 22nd To see what action the Town will take in regard to the suit of Jason Washburn against the Town of Grafton, or act thereon.

Art. 23rd. To see if the Town will vote to fit up a dining room and kitchen in the basement of the Town-House - or act thereon -

Art. 24th To see if the Town will vote to place the care and renting of the Town House in the hands of a Committee of three (3) persons to be chosen for one (1) year, two (2) years and three (3) years respectively - and to choose said Committee - or act thereon.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for Town Officers at 9-30 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock P. M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five.

Joseph A. Dodge
John E. McClellan
Edward F. Chamberlain
Samuel E. Leland
Lewis H. Bigelow
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. February 20th, 1885

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders Village, on Friday the twentieth day of February current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of warrant and return
Attest -
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Art. 17 taken up on motion of D. L. Fiske
voted "That a Committee of three (3) be appointed to investigate all the matters relating to the estates of the late Mrs. Louisa A. R. Reid, deceased, and the late Mrs. Almira Lawson deceased, and the late Dr. Levi Lawson, deceased: Augustus Fowler being Administrator of Dr. Lawson and the said Augustus and Franklin Fowler being administrators, with the will annexed,

of said Almira Lawson and executors of the will of Mrs. Field; and that said Committee have full power to act for the Town in the settlement of all the said Estates and all the Probate Accounts of said Administrators and Executors of said Estates, and to receive from said Administrators and Executors all the Legacies and Sums and things due from said Estates, or any of them, to the Town of Grafton, and give receipts and releases under seal in full or otherwise to said Administrators and Executors therefor, or receipts of same — the Committee to have full power to say and judge as to what is due from said Estates to the Town and that said Committee be the following named persons.

Henry F. Mirig
Edward L. Fiske
Joseph A. Dodge

Art. 19 taken up. voted on motion of J. B. Sibley
"That the Executors of Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field be hereby authorized and allowed to pay out of said Field Estate two certain Notes of $1.000 each and interest, signed by Mrs. Field and running one to Elizabeth P. Nelson and the other to Caroline B. Nelson

Art. 20 taken up - voted on motion of J. B. Sibley
"That the Committee appointed under Article 17 of the Warrant for this meeting be authorized to sign and execute an Indemnity Agreement under seal in behalf of the Town, over the name of the Town by them indemnifying the Executors and Administrators against all loss, damage and costs they may sustain if they will pay the Town within two (2) years from their appointment any sums or legacies coming to the Town out of said Estates, or any part of them, instead of retaining the same in

their hands till the end of the two (2) years.

Art. 21 taken up - voted on motion of J. B. Sibley
"That the executors of the will of the late Louisa A. L. Field, deceased, be allowed and authorized to pay to Thankfull Fuller the sum of Fifty dollars, said amount having been allowed her by Mrs. Field (by interest and otherwise) on a certain mortgage note -

A true record
Attested -
Arthur F. Simmons
Town Clerk

Office of the Board of Selectmen
Shrewsbury, Mass - Sept. 2nd 1885

Report of the Selectmen of Shrewsbury upon perambulating the boundary line between the town of Grafton and Shrewsbury

After due notice having been given to the board of Selectmen of Grafton of the intention of the Selectmen of said Shrewsbury to perambulate said boundary line, the Selectmen of Shrewsbury represented by H. A. Cook and R. E. Allen met the Selectmen of Grafton represented by L. H. Bigelow and E. Estabrook September 1, 1885 at the Easterly terminus of said boundary line at the intersection of the Westboro' town line, and proceeded to locate and renew the marks on the stone bounds at each angle from the Westboro' line to the Worcester line according to Sec. three and four of Chap. twenty seven of the Public Statutes -

The monuments were all found in good condition and the marks renewed, except one on Shrub Hill so called and several covered by the water of Flints Pond which we were unable to locate - All of which we respectfully submit

H. A. Cook } Selectmen
H. S. Ball } of
R. E. Allen } Shrewsbury
L. H. Bigelow } Selectmen
E. A. Estabrook } of Grafton

Filed in Town clerk's office October 5, 1885
at 8 h. 11 m. P. M. Attest Arthur F. Simmons town clerk

Worcester S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the third day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also, for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a Representative to the next General Court for the Third Worcester Representative District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester and for a Register of Deeds for the Worcester District in said County of Worcester. You are also directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Grafton qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court, to meet at same place and time to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for or against ratifying and adopting the following article of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth - said article of Amendment having been agreed to by the two last General Courts - to wit -

"Article of Amendment"

"The General Court shall have full power and authority to provide for the inhabitants of the towns in this Commonwealth more than one place of public meeting within the limits of each town for the election of officers under the Constitution and to prescribe the manner of calling, holding and conducting such meetings. All the provisions of the existing constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled"

The votes for or against ratifying and adopting said article of amendment will be received on a separate ballot in the following form – to wit –

"Amendment to the Constitution, "Yes" or "No"."

The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot, deposited in the ballot box with the face downwards, open and unfolded, or in a sealed envelope, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the office voted for. The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers and for or against ratifying and adopting the said amendment to the Constitution at 9-30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock, P. M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this Nineteenth day of October, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty five

D. H. Bigelow
A. J. Hall
S. E. Leland
E. A. Estabrook
A. D. Fisher
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester. S. S. October 23rd 1885"

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Friday the twenty third day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and return
Attested – J. Arthur P. Simmons – Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall Tuesday November 3rd 1885 at nine o'clock A. M. and the following is a record of the proceedings:

The meeting was called to order by Lewis A. Bigelow Chairman of the Selectmen, who presided - who called upon the Town Clerk to read the warrant and the warrant was read by him

On motion of Charles M. Bachelder voted to close the Polls at 8 o'clock P. M.

Announcement was made by the Mr. Bigelow the presiding officers that the ballots for and against the Amendment to the Constitution would be received in one box and the ballots for State and County officers in the standard box both at same time and at one checking on check list

The Ballot box was then opened and shown publicly to be and was examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and found to be empty - the box was then closed and locked and the keys taken by James Carney constable in charge

The Register stood 0000

The Polls were then declared open and the voting began and continued until 3 o'clock P. M. when - no objection being made the Polls were declared - closed -

The Ballot Box Register was examined and stood 478

The Box for election of officers without being removed from public view was then opened by the Selectmen and the ballots taken therefrom and counted audibly and publicly one by one and were 478

Thomas N. McCarty whose name was not on the voting list was allowed to vote upon the certificate presented by him and issued by the Board of Registrars of voters granting him authority to vote and said certificate was duly checked and is sealed up ~~with~~ in the same manner as the ballots cast in ~~same~~ said meeting ~~package~~ by in a separate envelope as by law directed - see section 45 of chapter 298 of the acts of the General Court for the year 1884 -

Prior to the opening of the ballot box for the election of officers - and immediately after the examination of the Ballot box Register - the names checked on the voting list were counted audibly and publicly one by one and were 477 which with the one name checked on the Registrars certificate above noted made the total names checked - 478

The ballots were received in two boxes - those for election of officers in the Standard box and those for and against the Amendment to the Constitution in an ordinary open box - the latter ballots were therefore not cancelled - several votes cast for Councillor in the 7th. district and for Senator in the 1st. Worcester District and for Registrar of Deeds in the Northern ~~Worc~~ District were not counted -

The ballots cast for and against the Amendment to the Constitution were publicly taken out of box ~~and~~ but were not publicly counted one by one and were 379 Yes 88 No. 291 and the same was declared by the Chairman of the Selectmen The above count of ballots on the Amendment was made after the voters present were given an opportunity to object to such proceeding if they saw fit - no objection being made the same were counted as set forth

The votes for each officer voted for were then canvassed and counted and declared as follows

For Governor

George D. Robinson of	Chicopee had	Three hundred thirty	330
Frederick O. Prince "	Boston "	One hundred thirty two	132
Thomas J. Lothrop "	Taunton "	Twelve	12
		Blank Two	2
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had		Two	2

For Lieutenant Governor

Oliver Ames of Easton	had	Three hundred thirty	330
Henry H. Gilmore " Cambridge	"	One hundred thirty three	133
Charles B. Knight " Worcester	"	Twelve	12
		Blank Three	3

For Councillor Second District

Warren E. Locke of Norwood	had	Three hundred thirty	330
William Aspinwall of Brookline	"	One hundred thirty three	133
Joshua B. Hammond " Walpole	"	Eight	8
		Blank Seven	7

For Secretary of Commonwealth

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	had	Three hundred thirty two	332
Jeremiah Crowley " Lowell	"	One hundred thirty two	132
George Kempton " Sharon	"	Twelve	12
		Blank Two	2

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Alanson W. Beard of Boston	had	Three hundred twenty seven	327
Henry M. Cross " Newburyport	had	One hundred thirty seven	137
Claudius B. Travis " Natick	"	Twelve	12
		Blank Two	2

For Auditor of Accounts

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had	Three hundred thirty one	331
James E. Delaney of Holyoke "	One hundred thirty two	132
William N. Sherman of Lowell "	Twelve	12
	Blank Three	3

For Attorney General

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had	Three hundred thirty one	331
Henry K. Braley " Fall River "	One hundred thirty two	132
Samuel M. Fairfield " Malden "	Twelve	12
	Blank Three	3

For Senator Second Worcester District

William T. Forbes of Westborough had	Three hundred thirty three	333
Hongo W. Bennet " Uxbridge "	One hundred thirty four	134
Sylvester C. Fay " Southborough "	Eight	8
	Blank Three	3

For Representative to Legislature Third Worcester District

Luther K. Leland of Grafton had	Two hundred sixty four	264
Daniel B. Hubbard " Grafton "	One hundred eighty six	186
George H. Bennett " Northbridge had	Seven	7
J. G. Putnam of Grafton "	One	1
	Blank Twenty	20

For County Treasurer

Edward A. Brown of Worcester had	Three hundred thirty two	332
Levi Barker " Worcester "	One hundred thirty three	133
Edward D. Conant " Worcester "	Twelve	12
	Blank One	1

For County Commissioner for Three years

George S. Duell of Brookfield had	Three hundred twenty nine	329
Washington Lifto " Brookfield "	One hundred thirty four	134
Moses Putnam " Sutton "	Twelve	12
	Blank Three	3

For Register of Deeds Worcester District

Harvey B. Wilder of Worcester had	Three hundred thirty two	332
Webster Thayer " Worcester "	One hundred thirty two	132
Alfred Clifford " Worcester "	Twelve	12
	Blank Two	2

Amendment to the Constitution

Yes	had	Eighty eight	88
No	had	Two hundred ninety one	291
		Total	379

The returns were made out, signed and sealed and the check list and Registrars Certificate for Thomas W. McCarty and ballots sealed in separate envelopes as required by law and all properly endorsed

On motion of Henry F. Wing the meeting dissolved

A true Record
Attested
Arthur P. Simmons
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Grafton and Northbridge, held at Grafton on Wednesday November 4th 1885 at 12 o'clock M., upon examination of the Certificates of the Selectmen of the said Towns it was found that Luther K. Leland of said Grafton had been elected Representative to the next General Court from the Third Worcester District—

the vote being as follows— to wit

For Luther K. Leland of Grafton	For Daniel B. Hubbard of Grafton	For George H. Bennett of Northbridge	Alonzo W. Bennet of Grafton	J. A. Pritchard of Grafton	Blank		
264	186	7		1	20	Grafton Total	478
210	80	92	2		8	Northbridge "	392
474	266	99	2	1	28	Total	870

And certificates stating that said Luther K. Leland was duly elected were served by James Carney Constable of Grafton on said Leland and sent with said Constable's return of said service thereon to the Secretary of the Commonwealth—Boston—

A true record—

Attested—

Arthur A. Simmons

Town Clerk

Grafton Mass. Nov. 10th 1885

The Selectmen of Grafton and Northbridge meet this day and perambulated the lines between the Towns and find the bounds all in place and remarked the same

L. A. Bigelow
E. A. Estabrook } Selectmen of Grafton

Arthur F. Whitin
H. F. Whitin } Selectmen of Northbridge

Filed in Town Clerk's office
Grafton Mass. November 20 1885
at 3 P. M.

Grafton Mass Nov. 11th 1885

The Selectmen of Millbury and Grafton meet and perambulates the lines between the Towns and find them in place and remarked the same

L. A. Bigelow
A. L. Fisher } Selectmen of Grafton

E. E. Forbes
H. W. Carter } Selectmen of Millbury

Filed in Town Clerk's office, Grafton Mass.
November 20 1885 at 3 P. M.

A true record.
Attest.
Arthur F. Swinson
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass. Feby. 16. 1886

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day Thomas J. Hall was appointed Measurer of Wood and sworn by the Clerk

Attest
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Grafton - Mass -
February 24th. 1886.

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the ballots cast at the election held November 3rd 1885. without examining the same and that the envelope containing said ballots has not been opened since said election but was destroyed unopened with said ballots this day - and that I have this day delivered unto Arthur A. Simmons Clerk of the Board of Registrars of Voters the check list contained in the envelope in which it was originally secured - said List being the same list used at the Election held on November 3rd 1885. and the seal of said envelope being unbroken and the said envelope unopened - all being done as by law directed -

Attested.
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

The Selectmen of Westboro' and Grafton by previous notice from the Westboro' Selectmen met at town line near the house of J. E. Sinclair the 29th day of October 1885 for the purpose of perambulating the line between the respective towns

Having previously examined the angle monument the north side of the Boston and Albany Railroad, at the junction of the town of Shrewsbury with the above named towns, we proceeded to the angle monument upon the south of said railroad; from thence southerly to one near the highway; thence to line monument in highway - thence to three angle monuments in pasture of said Sinclair, the last one being near or in the edge of the swamp land, thence Easterly to line monument in highway near the Holliz Chamberlain farm; thence to same in highway leading from B. A. Nourse's to the Grafton road; thence nearly Easterly to an angle monument on land of said B. A. Nourse; thence southerly to line monument in before mentioned highway; thence same course to line monument in Grafton road; thence to angle monument at the junction of the towns of Westboro Grafton and Upton on the abandoned part of the old road leading from Frank Nash's to the "Merriam district" in Grafton

All of the before mentioned monuments were found in good condition, and the marks upon the same were renewed.

B. B. Nourse } Selectmen of
F. G. Harrington } Westboro -

L. H. Bigelow } Selectmen of
E. F. Estabrook } Grafton

Recorded March 19. 1886 -
A true Copy
Attest A. A. Howe
Town Clerk

Worcester Nov. 16. 1885.

This certifies that we have together perambulated the line between Grafton and Worcester and we find the monuments at the angles and upon the public roads in proper position and legibly marked

L. H. Bigelow
S. E. Leland } Selectmen of Grafton

Charles Bullard
James White } appointed for the City of Worcester

Recorded March 19. 1886.
A true Copy Attest
Aldin A. Howe Town Clerk

Town Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday, the First day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year Ensuing.

Art. 3rd To hear the Reports of the Several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways, and Bridges the Ensuing year.

Art. 5th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the Ensuing year and make appropriations of the same and act thereon.

Art. 6th To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon.

Art. 7th To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 8th To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year Ensuing, and act thereon.

Art. 9th To see if the Town will accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art. 10th To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art. 11th To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 o'clock M., and at 9 o'clock P.M., or act thereon.

Art. 12th To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town, or act thereon.

Art. 13th Shall licence be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 14th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act thereon.

Art. 15th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use, and act thereon.

Art. 16th To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to purchase a tract of land adjoining said Cemetery, said tract now belonging to the Estate of John Daniels, and make appropriations for the same and act thereon.

Art. 17th To see what action the Town will take with reference to the bequest left the town by the late Mrs. Almira B. Rawson.

Art. 18th To see if the Town will vote to purchase a piano for the Town Hall, or act thereon.

Art. 19th To see if the Town will vote to build a silo on the town farm, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Art 20th To see if the Town will vote to require the School Committee to annually appoint a Superintendent who under the direction and control of said Committee shall have the care and supervision of the Public Schools of the Town, or act thereon.

Art. 21st To see if the Town will vote to abate certain uncollected taxes of the year 1880, or act thereon.

Art. 22nd To see if the town will vote to appropriate money for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families and the families of the slain, said money to be entrusted to A.B.R. Sprague Post No. 24 of the town to be disbursed under its direction to any such persons residing in the town under the provisions of chapter 189 of the acts of the Legislature for the year 1885, or act thereon -

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 9-30 o'clock, A.M., and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock, P.M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fishville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty six

Worcester ss Grafton February 17, 1886 L. H. Bigelow
I have served the forgoing J. E. Leland
Warrant by posting attested copies A. J. Hall
thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton E. A. Estabrook
North Grafton Farnumsville, A. L. Fisher
Fishville and Saundersville on Wednesday the 17th day of February current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

} Selectmen of Grafton

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

Warrant delivered to Town Clerk at 9 o'clock A.M. Monday March 1. 1886

Attest L. H. Bigelow Chairman of Selectmen.

A true copy of Warrant and return
Alden A. Howe Town Clerk

Grafton March 1. 1886 -

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall at 9 o'clock A.M. on Monday March 1st 1886 and transacted the following business

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock P.M. by A. A. Simmons Town Clerk, who read the Warrant and appointed the following tellers who were duly sworn by the Clerk, to wit:

L. H. Bigelow, A. J. Hall, S. E. Leland E. A. Estabrook and A. L. Fisher

A ballot was then taken for moderator Fourteen (14) votes were cast all of which were for Charles M. Ratchelder, who was declared duly Elected and took charge of the meeting.

Prayer was offered by Rev. F. J. Bartlett

The Moderator appointed as Tellers A. J. Hall L. H. Bigelow, E. A. Estabrook, A. L. Fisher, and S. E. Leland who were duly sworn by the clerk.

On motion of David L. Fiske it was Voted to proceed to the Election of a Town Clerk five Selectmen, a Treasurer three (3) Assessors, One (1) Overseer of the Poor for three (3) years, one School Committee for three years, One Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, One Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, One Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, One Common Committee for three years, and twelve (12) Constables to be voted for on one ballot

Voted, (On motion of Henry F. King) to take up Article 13th at same time as article 2nd and vote yes and no on the licence question at the same time we vote for Town Officers.

Voted, (On motion of Henry F. King) That the Polls for Election of Town Officers and for voting on the licence question close at 2 o'clock P.M.

At 9-30 o' clock A.M. the Polls for Town Officers and for the vote on the licence question were declared open by the Moderator and balloting then commenced

On motion of J. A Dodge it was voted as follows

Resolved: That we citizens of Grafton, in town meeting assembled appreciating the generosity of our fellow townsman Winthrop Faulkner do extend to him our hearty vote of thanks for the very timely gift of the beautiful Marble Clock presented to the Town by him

Voted: That a copy of this vote be sent to Mr. Faulkner

At 2 o'clock P.M. the Polls for Town Officers and the vote on the licence question were closed and the result of the balloting announced by the Town Clerk as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 479

Town Clerk

Alden A. Howe had 478 votes
and was declared Elected, and sworn by Moderator

Selectmen.

Andrew J. Hall	had	sworn by moderator	446
Albert L. Fisher	"	sworn " "	476
Edward A Estabrook	"	sworn " "	479
Charles Horatio Nelson	"	sworn " "	318
Silas A Forbush	"	sworn " T.C. Mch. 1-	477
Lewis H. Bigelow	"		169

and the first five were declared Elected.

Treasurer.

Henry F Wing had 479 and was declared Elected sworn by Clerk Mch. 3-

Assessors.

Daniel B Hubbard	had	420	sworn by T.C. Mch. 3-
Jeremiah Robinson	"	479	sworn " " " 3-
David S. Barnett	"	466	sworn " " " 3-
Ashley W. Rice	"	6	
Henry F Wing	"	37	

and the first three were declared Elected -

Overseer of the Poor for 3 years

Samuel H. Knowlton	had	349.	Sworn by Moderator
Edward C. Thurber	"	129	

and Samuel H. Knowlton was declared Elected.

Town House Committee for 3 years

Henry F. Wing	had	479

and was unanimously Elected -

School Committee for 3 years

D. Webster Norcross	had	417
Henry F. Wing	"	1

and Mr. Norcross was declared Elected -

Sinking Fund Commissioner for 3 years

Horace S. Warden had 476 and was Elected

Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for 5 years

Gilbert C. Taft had 476 and was Elected.

Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years

Amos G. Fetchell had 476 and was Elected

Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for 5 years

George W. Fisher had 476 and was elected -

Common Committee for 3 years -

Henry F. Wing had 477 and was Elected -

Constables -

Henry Mann	had	(Sworn by Moderator)	305
W. A. Robinson	"	(Sworn by Town Clerk	475
Jas. Gleason	"	Sworn " " " 3/10	476
Wm C. Fletcher	"	(Sworn by Moderator)	455
Robert Scott	"		476
John McKenzie	"	(Sworn by Moderator)	472
Thos. A. S. Mitchell	"	(Sworn by Town Clerk 3/12)	476
Charles B. Eddy	"		472
Henry E. Brooks	"		477
James Carney	"	(Sworn by Moderator)	218
Luke T. Drury	"	(Sworn by ")	192

Chas. Herbert Nelson	had		36
Albert Bradish	"	(Sworn by Town Clerk	111.
A. G. Getchell	"		2
Chas Penniman	"		1
E. B. Holbrook	"		1
Edward Picture	"		1
Frank P. Kelly	"		3

and Messrs. Mann, Robinson, Gleason, Fletcher Scott, McKenzie, Mitchell, Eddy, Brooks, Carney, Drury and Bradish were declared duly elected.

Vote on Licence - Whole number of votes cast 442
No 264
Yes 178

Voted: (On motion of D. B. Hubbard) That our thanks be extended to A. A. Simmons Esq., for his valuable services as Town Clerk during the past year.

Art. 3rd taken up and it was
Voted; To accept the following reports as printed Selectmen's; Treasurers, The Collectors with the following additional payments of taxes reported by him, namely

C. M. Batchelder	34.59	Benj. Robinson balance	13.12
Thomas E. Foshay, balance	8.43	R. Odlum	2.00
E. A. Norcross	8.89	Catherine Odlum	2.00
Eunice Hayden Est. of	1.50	E. Clifford Hall	2.00
Wm Burns	2.00	E. M. Putnam	54.80
Jerry McGinnis	2.00	J. W. Taft in part	20-
		Total	164.17

The Overseers of the Poor, Town House Committee Town House Sinking Fund Commissioners, Engineers, Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery, Fairview Cemetery Riverside Cemetery, Common Committee, Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths, - Trustees of the Free Public Library and School Committee

Voted; (On motion of A. A. Simmons that the name of D. W. Norcross be put on the list of Fence Viewers instead of J. G. Putnam as printed

Art. 4. taken up

Voted; (on motion of J. G. Putnam) That the Selectmen appoint six Surveyors of Highways, one for Grafton Centre, one for North Grafton, one for Farnumsville, one for Saunderville, one for George Hill and one for Farms District

Art. 5 - taken up -

Voted; On motion of L. K. Leland, That the town raise by taxation the sum of $26.445 -

This vote entered in wrong place, belongs to p. 107 - which see -

Voted; To reconsider this vote, and that the town raise by taxation the sum of Twenty Eight thousand (28,000) Dollars to defray town charges the ensuing year

Voted the following Appropriations

Reduction of Town Debt	2,000 -
Interest on Town Debt	3.000 -
High School	1.600
Common Schools	8.000 -
Fire Department	1.600 -
Highways	3.000 -
Free Public Library (in addition to dog tax)	100 -
Support of the Poor	4500 -
Sinking fund Town House	1.360
Memorial Day	100.
Common	50 -
Town Clerk's Salary	75.
Town Treasurer's Salary	65
For use of Library at North Grafton	50
" " " " " Farnumsville	25
" " " " " Saunderville	25
Miscellaneous	895 -
Total	26.445 -

$1195 - raised to $28.000 -

Art. 6 taken up

Voted; That no discount be allowed on payment of taxes

Voted; That all Taxes be payable on or before October 1 - and that all taxes unpaid October 1st shall be subject to an addition of interest at the rate of Seven (7) per cent. per annum.

Voted: That the collection of Taxes be set up at auction.

The Collection of Taxes was set up at auction by the Moderator and bid off by John B. White at five (5) mills on the dollar.

Capt. Nelson was appointed teller and sworn by the Clerk.

Article 2. taken up, and a ballot was had for a collector of Taxes and John B. White was unanimously Elected.

Article 7 taken up

Voted: That the Compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing year, be the same as it was last year.

Article 8 taken up

Voted: That the Compensation to Firemen be the same as last year.

Article 9 taken up.

Voted: To accept the list of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box

(See Jury list on next page)

Article 10 taken up

Voted: That the High School be kept in the Centre District.

Article 11 taken up

Voted: To pass over this article.

Article 12 taken up

Voted: That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Voted Unanimously: That the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to renew, replace or pay any Existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes or bonds of the Town therefor, and that the

(see foot of next page)

Jury List

The following is a list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen and accepted by the Town.

Adams, Joseph
Adams, Erastus
Axtell, Cyrus R.
Bannister, Henry L.
Brown, William H.
Brewer, William C.
Brewer, Thomas H.
Brooks, Henry E.
Brown, John A (S.V.)
Bigelow, Oscar F.
Batchelor Sanford L.
Brown John (N.G.)
Coe George S
Cunningham, William J.
Crowe, Patrick H.
Chaffin Frank W.
Carpenter Gardner L.H.
Dunn George M.
Davenport Stearns L.
Dearborn George A.
Despeau Charles K.
Davis Lorin S.
Dodge, Joseph A.
Elabrook Edwin A.
Ennis, Peter
Elliott, Aaron
Fahey, Edward
Fowler, Augustus
Fiske David L.
Ford, Edwin A.
Fay, George A.
Fitzpatrick, Edward
Goddard, Perley
Gleason, James
Goddard, J. Augustus
Hall, Henry
Howe, Frank M.
Knowlton, Albert B.
Keith, Moses A.
Kelley, Maurice E.
Leland, Levi N. Jr.
Leonard, Emma F.
Ling, Richard
Lindley, Edward O.
Lincoln, Dwight E.
Merchant William H.
Miles, James
Mann Henry
McGarry, Francis M.
McKenzie, Jayne W.
Manning, Thomas J.
Newton, George R.
Paine Elias A.
Piper, James
Pratt, Clarence R.
Rice, Lyman M.
Sinclair J. Elbridge
Stowe Silas E.
Stowe, Lewis A.
Sweetser John A.
Stockbridge, Romanzo O.
Snow, Asahel F.
Thomas, James H.
Thayer Edward C.
Whitney, John A.
Walter, George Washington
Wood, Henry C.

rate of interest shall not exceed four (4) per cent.

Article 14 taken

Voted: That we appropriate five hundred (500) dollars for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor.

Article 15 taken up

Voted: That the Collector be authorized to use all means of Collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed & Collector, may use.

Article 16 taken up

Voted, on motion of J. A. Dodge

That we authorize the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to purchase a tract of land adjoining said Cemetery, belonging to the Estate of John Daniels and that we appropriate Eighty (80) dollars for the same

Article 17.

Voted: To pass over this article for the present.

Article 18.

Voted: To pass over this article.

It was then voted (on motion of J. A. Dodge) To take up the article

Voted: (on motion of Mr. Dodge amended by Mr. Nichols)

That the Town House Committee have charge of the matter and be authorized to purchase a piano at a price not to exceed three hundred and seventy five (375) dollars and that that amount be appropriated for the purpose

Article 19.

Voted: (on motion of Mr. Fowler)

To pass over the article.

Article 20.

Voted: (on motion of A. F. King)

That a committee of seven (7) be nominated by the Selectmen, to take the matter into consideration and report at an adjourned meeting

The Selectmen reported the following named persons, who were elected, namely;
Henry F. Wing — Joseph A. Dodge
Rev. B. A. Robie — Luther K. Leland
Alden A. Howe — George W. Fisher
Dr. Ford Kendrick

Article 21 taken up
Voted, on motion of D. B. Hubbard
That all unpaid Taxes of the year 1880 be abated -

Article 22 -
Voted; That we pass over the article for the present.

Article 5 - taken on motion of L. K. Leland
Voted; To reconsider the vote to raise $26.445 - by taxation
Voted; To raise by taxation Twenty Eight thousand ($28.000.) dollars
Voted; To appropriate $200 - for Street lights in Grafton Centre
Voted; To appropriate $100 - for Side walks at North Grafton

Article 2 taken up
Voted; That the Fence Viewers be the same as last year - viz;
David L. Fiske
Silas E. Stowe
D. W. Norcross

Voted; To have Eleven (11) Field Drivers and the following were duly Elected, namely;
Martin Hickey — Albert Jourdan (Sworn by T.C.)
O. M. Wing (Sworn by Moderator 3/1-) — Charles Lingley
James T. Rafferty — James McFarland
T. M. Swallow (Sworn by T.C. 3/5) — E. W. Estabrook
Timothy Quill — Morris Goodnow
James Bonner

Voted; That the remaining offices be left to the Selectmen to appoint.

Voted to adjourn to first Monday in April at 2 o'clock P.M. -

Attest.
Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk -

Grafton, March 8. 1886

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made

Registrar of Voters for three years.
Henry E. Brooks (Democrat)

did not accept.

Measurers of Wood and Weighers of Coal -

	A. G. Kimpton	Farnumsville
	L. K. Leland	No. Grafton
(Sworn by T.C. 3/23)	E. O. Lindley	" "
(Sworn by T.C. 3/12)	E. D. Holbrook	" "
(" " " 3/10)	T. J. Hall	Centre

Sealer of Weights and Measures
(Sworn by T.C. March 17) S. E. Leland

Keeper of Lockup & Pound.
(Sworn by T.C. 3/10) James Carney

Special Police -

(Sworn by T.C. 3/10)	W. P. Spencer	Farnumsville
	John Gates	North Grafton

Grafton April 5. 1886.

The meeting which adjourned from March 1st was called to order at 2 o'clock P.M. by the Moderator C.M. Batchelder.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

D. B. Hubbard called for the reading of Chapter 27 Section 105 of the Public Statutes, and called attention to the fact that no one had been authorized to audit bills against the town

Voted; (On motion of D. B. Hubbard) That the treasurer be authorized to pay all bills audited by the Selectmen.

Voted; To rescind the vote, (passed at the meeting March 1.) to pass over article 22nd.

Voted; To appropriate One hundred (100) dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families and the families of the slain, said money to be entrusted to A. B. R. Sprague Post No. 24 of the Town to be distributed under its direction to any such person residing in the Town under the provisions of Chap. 189 of the acts of the Legislature for the year 1885.

Voted; (On Motion of J. G. Putnam) That the Constables of the Town be instructed to enforce the law in relation to Tramps as set forth in Chap. 207 Section 38 and 39 of the Public Statutes

Voted; To take up article 20

J. A. Dodge made the following report in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to consider the subject of requiring the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent.

Report

At the Annual Town Meeting held in Grafton March 1st 1886 while acting under Art. 20 of the town Warrant, a Committee of Seven

were appointed by the Selectmen to examine into the matter and report at the adjourned meeting in April

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows.

We would first recommend to increase the number of the School Committee, making it twelve in place of three. We have in town ten (10) school districts and we think it advisable to have a resident member in each district.

In Sec. 21 Chap. 44 of the Public Statutes we find that the Committee shall be a number divisible by three -

To answer the law and reach each school district two members at large are added making a total of twelve -

The number has been increased, in part that the burdens of the School Committee shall be divided as to make the cares comparatively easy upon each member, for if the town shall so decide that the committee appoint a Superintendent "and does not provide otherwise by vote the School Committee shall receive no compensation."

As we have now three (3) members on our School Committee, if this plan is adopted nine (9) more should be chosen, three (3) for three (3) years, three (3) for two years, and three for one year.

We would also recommend that this School Committee be required to annually appoint a Superintendent who under the direction and control of said Committee shall have the care and supervision of the public schools of the town -

Henry F. Wing — Joseph A. Dodge
B. A. Robie — Luther K. Leland
A. A. Howe — Geo. W. Fisher
F. T. Kendrick

The motion was made by Rev. Mr. Sargent that the report of the committee be accepted and adopted.

At 5-25 P.M. Voted to adjourn for thirty minutes

attest A. Arthur Town Clerk —

Meeting No. 2 Grafton April 5th 1886.

Warrant -

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth (5th) day of April 1886 at 3 o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to lay out and widen the town road in North Grafton from or near the residence of Simon Packard to a point at or near the Grafton Centre Railroad and appropriate and raise money therefor, - or act thereon.

Art. 3d. To see if the Town will abate that part of the tax of James Miles, wrongfully assessed in 1882 and 1883 or act thereon.

Art. 4th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a gravel bank near the arch bridge on Pleasant Street containing about four (4) Acres, owned by Gilbert Nichols at a price not to Exceed one hundred dollars and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 5th. To see what action the town will take in regard to rebuilding or putting in Safe condition the bridge over the Quinsigamond River, near the Hitching Place on Pleasant St. - or act thereon -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due Return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth (25th) day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty six

A J Hall
A L Fisher
S A Ferbush
C H Nelson
E A Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. March 26. 1886.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton North Grafton Farnumsville Fisherville, and Saunders Village on Friday the 26th day of March current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Town Clerk called the Meeting to order at 3-25 o'clock P.M. April 5th 1886. and read the Warrant and appointed the following tellers, namely,
Ambrose J Hall, A L Fisher, E A Estabrook, S A Ferbush and C H Nelson who were sworn by the clerk.

A ballot was then taken for Moderator
Seven (7) ballots were cast all of which were for C. McBatchelder and he was declared Elected and took the chair.

Art. 2nd taken up

Voted (on motion of Mr. Simon Packard) To pass over the article -

Art. 3d taken up

Voted; That that part of the tax of James Miles wrongfully assessed in 1882 and 1883 be abated -

Art. 4th taken up.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to make the purchase of the gravel bank near the Arch bridge on Pleasant Street containing about four acres owned by Gilbert Nichols at a price not to exceed One hundred dollars

Art. 5th taken up

A. J. Hall explained the condition of the bridge over the Quinsigamond River on Pleasant Street and read the report of Arthur W. Woods Civil Engineer of Worcester showing it to be in unsafe condition -

Voted; (on Motion of Aug. Goddard amended by L. K. Leland) That the Matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen and that fifteen hundred (1500) dollars be raised and appropriated from the tax of 1887 for the purpose.

Voted: To adjourn

Attest Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton April 5. 1886 3-55 P.M.

The meeting which adjourned at 3-25 o'clock this afternoon was called to order by the Moderator at 3-55 o'clock

Art. 2. -

Voted: To accept and adopt the report of the Committee - 62 yes 60 no -

Moved by S. E. Everett (who voted in the negative) To reconsider the above vote -

Voted: To lay the Motion to reconsider on the table (93 to 50)

Voted: That the Selectmen be appointed Highway Surveyors

Voted: That we proceed to the Election of nine (9) members of the General School Committee, three (3) for three (3) years, three (3) for two (2) years and three (3) for one (1) year
80 to 71 -

Voted: To adjourn Sine-die -

Attest Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton, April 5. 1886
At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following officers were appointed
Engineers
E. Fowler, W. A. Robinson, H. E. Brooks
Aaron Elliot, S. F. Smith and A. M. Bigelow
Sextons
James Gleason and A. G. Getchell
Constable -
Chas. Herbert Nelson sworn Apr. 13 -

Attest Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass. May 4. 1886
We the Selectmen of Grafton, hereby appoint Charles W. Mascroft, democrat, to be a registrar of voters for the term of three years from the first day of May 1886 and until another is appointed in his place, in accordance with Section 14 Chapter 298 Laws & Resolves of 1884 -

A. J. Hall
A. L. Fisher
S. A. Forbush
C. H. Nelson
E. A. Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Received by the Town Clerk for record May 4 - 8 o'clock P.M. -
Attest Alden A. Howe Town Clerk

For Licences granted see page 118

Worcester, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the thirteenth (13) day of May at 7-30 o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will accept and order to be recorded a certain Town Road laid out by the Selectmen from a point at or near the residence of Smyrna Packard to a point at or near the line of the Grafton Centre Railroad, as per survey and report of said Selectmen dated May 4-1886 and now on file in the Town Clerk's office and build said road, and appropriate and appropriate money therefor, - or act thereon

Art. 3rd To see if the town will accept and order to be recorded a certain Town Road laid out by the Selectmen from a point on East Street nearly opposite the house of Joel Packard and thence running S. 22 3/4° W., by house of Richard Harrison to a point 50 feet south of a stake on South side of Ray Street, so called, the same now being used as a private way, as per survey and report of said Selectmen dated May 4, 1886 now on file in the Town Clerk's office and build said road and appropriate and raise money therefor, - or act thereon.

Art. 4th To see if the Town will accept and order to be recorded a certain Town Road laid out by the Selectmen from a point on Main Street between Getchell's Block and the Arcade, so called, thence running S. 79 E. 307 feet to the line of the Grafton Centre Railroad, as per survey and report of said Selectmen dated May 4. 1886

and now on file in the Town Clerk's office, and build said road and appropriate and raise money therefor, — or act thereon —

Art. 5th To choose nine additional School Committee, three for three years, three for two years, and three for one year.

Art. 6th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Real Estate lately deeded to the Town by John Carr, a resident of this Town

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth (4th) day of May in the year Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Six.

A. J. Hall
A. L. Fisher
C. F. Nelson
S. A. Forbush
E. F. Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. May 6th 1886

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumville Fisherville, and Saunders Village, on Thursday the 6th day of May current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney, Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and return

Alden A. Howe

Town Clerk

Grafton, May 18. 1886

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall Thursday evening May 18 - and were called to order by the Clerk at 7-45 o'clock -

The Warrant was read by the Clerk

The Clerk appointed the following tellers viz - Andrew J. Hall, A. L. Fisher, E. F. Estabrook, Charles H. Nelson and S. A. Forbush

A ballot was held for Moderator which resulted in the unanimous choice of Charles W. Batchelder who took the Chair -

Art. 2nd was taken.

The Selectmen's Report of the layout of the road from near Sumner Sackards home to the Grafton Centre Railroad, was read by the Town Clerk

Voted: To accept the report.

Voted: That the report be adopted and the sum of $419 - be appropriated to be paid out of the taxes of 1887 -

The above report is recorded on pages Road Book No 1 -

Art 3rd was taken up

The Selectmen's report of the Harrison Street road was read by the Town Clerk.

Voted; To accept the report.

For report of said Town Way See Road Book No. 1 - pages

Art. 4 taken up -

The report of the Selectmen laying out the Town Way from Mitchell's Block in North Grafton to the Grafton Centre Railroad was read by the Town Clerk -

Voted; To accept and adopt the report -

For the report of said town way See Road Book No 1 - page -

Art. 5th taken up

Voted (on motion of D. B. Hubbard) To pass over the article -

Art. 6 taken up
Voted: To pass over the article –
Voted: To adjourn sine die –
Attest
Alden A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton, May 4, 1886
Licences were this day granted by the Selectmen as follows
Inkholders licences
A. J. Kirby, W. A. Robinson and F. J. King
Pool table, to A. J. Kirby and W. A. Robinson
6th Class Druggists Licences
David White Centre, H. B. Prout and Mrs. S. B. Allen at North Grafton
Attest
Alden A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Sept. 3. 1886 –
Peter E. Ellers was this day appointed Constable – Special Police – & sworn by Town Clerk.
Attest
Alden A Howe
Town Clerk –

Grafton, Sept. 6. 1886
The Selectmen have this day appointed the following as Forest Firewards under Chapter 296 of the Legislative Acts of the year 1886 viz –
John E. McClellan Saunderville
Henry Mann Centre
George B. Brooks No Grafton (Took oath Sep. 24)
Notified of their appointment by the Town Clerk

Attest
Alden A Howe
Town Clerk –

Grafton, Sept. 6. 1886

A 6th Class Druggist Licence was this day granted to John H. Carpenter, Town House Grafton

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk —

Grafton, Sept. 30 - 1886

Dennis Minnehan was this day appointed a Special Police Office and took the oath before the Town Clerk

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk —

Worcester S.S.

To Either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in Grafton, on Tuesday the Second day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also, for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the twelfth Worcester Representative District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, and for a District Attorney for the Middle District, and for four Commissioners of Insolvency, and for a Clerk of the Courts and for a Sheriff, and for two Special Commissioners for the County of Worcester.

The votes for all the above Officers will be received on one ballot, deposited in the ballot box with the face downwards, open and unfolded, or in a sealed envelope as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the office voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 9-30 o'clock A.M., and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock P.M. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of Sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty six.

A J Hall
A L Fisher
S A Forbush
C H Nelson
E A Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, SS. October 20, 1886

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Wednesday the twentieth day of October current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and Return
Attest
Alden A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton November 2, 1886.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the town met in the town hall, Tuesday November 2nd 1886 at 9 o'clock A. M. and the following is a record of the proceedings.

The meeting was called to order by Andrew J Hall Chairman of the Board of Selectmen who presided.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Peter Ennis it was voted that the polls close at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Ballot Box was then opened and shown publicly, and was examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and found to be Empty; the box was then closed and locked by the Town Clerk and the Keys taken by James Carney Constable in Charge.

The Register stood 0000

At 1-50 o'clock it being in the unanimous judgement of the Selectmen and Town Clerk, considered advisable to do so, the box was opened and the ballots taken therefrom and counted -

The register stood at 401 -, the check marks were also counted and were 401 -; the ballots were counted and were 401 -

The polls closed at 3 o'clock.

The Register stood at 450, the check marks on the voting lists were counted aloud, and the ballots were counted and found to agree with the register on the Ballot box -

The votes for each officer voted for were then canvassed and counted and declared as follows viz:

For Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton had two hundred sixty five		265
John F. Andrew " Boston " one hundred sixty		160
Thomas J. Lothrop " Taunton " Twenty		20
Blank five		5

For Lieutenant Governor.

John L. A. Brackett of Boston had two hundred fifty one		251
Frank K. Foster of Haverhill " one hundred forty five		175
John Bleckmar " Springfield Eighteen		18
Blanks		6

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had two hundred sixty eight		268
John R. Thayer of Worcester had one hundred fifty seven		157
George Kempsten of Sharon " twenty		20
Blanks		5

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Alanson W. Beard of Boston had two hundred seventy three		273
Lewis Warner of Northampton had one hundred fifty four		154
John L. Kelton of Lee " twenty		20
Blanks three		3

For Attorney General.

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had two hundred seventy three		273
John W. Corcoran of Clinton had one hundred fifty four		154
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden had twenty		20
Blanks		3

For Auditor of Accounts.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had two hundred seventy three		273
William F. Cook " " one hundred fifty four		154
William W. Sherman of Lowell had Twenty		20
Blanks		3

For Councillor 7th District

George W Johnson of Brookfield had two hundred seventy three		273
Samuel D Nye of Worcester " one hundred fifty four		154
George A Clark of Hubbardston " twenty		20
Blanks three		3

For Senator, 2nd Worcester District –

William T Forbes of Westboro had two hundred sixty seven		267
Adrian Scott of Blackstone had One hundred Sixty four		164
Timothy A Smith of Westborough had Sixteen		16
Blanks three		3

For County Commissioner

William O Brown of Fitchburg had two hundred seventy three		273
Washington Tufts of Brookfield " one hundred fifty three		153
Alvan W. Putnam of Sutton " twenty one		21
Blanks three		3

For Clerk of the Courts.

Theodore Johnson of Worcester had two hundred seventy one		271
John W. Walsh of Fitchburg " one hundred fifty ~~four~~		154
Alfred Clifford of Worcester " twenty one		21
Blanks		4

For Representatives to General Court 12th Worcester District –

George D. Brigham of Westborough had two hundred thirty seven		237
Samuel A Howe of Shrewsbury had two hundred forty seven		247
Marcus M Wood of Grafton " one hundred seventy four		174
James B. Putnam of Westborough had one hundred seventy six		176
Frederick A Smith of Southborough " Nineteen		19
Leonard Brewer of Berlin " twenty four		24
Blanks twenty three		23

For Representative to Congress, 10th Congressional District

William W Rice of Worcester had one hundred ninety eight		198
John E Russell " Leicester " two hundred sixteen		216
William H Earle of Worcester " twenty		20
T. C. Bates " " " two		2
Blanks		14

For Commissioner of Insolvency.

Charles Field of Athol had two hundred Seventy three		273
David H Merriam of Fitchburg had two hundred Seventy three		273
Andrew J. Bartholomew of Southbridge had two hundred Seventy one		271
Daniel B Hubbard of Grafton had two hundred fifty five		255
Charles B Kendrick of Webster one hundred fifty four		154
Samuel L Graves " Fitchburg one hundred fifty four		154
James F Stratton " Milford one hundred forty Eight		148
Wilder S Holbrook " Sutton one hundred fifty Six		156
Charles G. Allen " Barre twenty		20
Solomon F Root of Douglas twenty		20
Isaac M. Woolsen of Lunenburg twenty		20
D Channing Forbush " Upton twenty		20
Scattering one		1
Blanks thirty five		35

For Sheriff -

Augustus B. R. Sprague of Worcester two hundred Seventy two		272
Albert H Wheeler of Southbridge one hundred forty		140
Joseph D Hunt of Milford twenty three		23
Scattering five		5
Blanks		10

For District Attorney Middle District -

Francis A. Daskill of Worcester had two hundred Seventy		270
John Hopkins of Millbury " one hundred fifty five		155
John S. Hammell of Milford " twenty		20
Blanks		5

For Special Commissioner -

Charles J. Rice of Winchendon had two hundred Seventy three		273
Thomas P. Root of Barre " two hundred Seventy two		272
Edward F Smith of Dudley " one hundred fifty four		154
Henry L Miner " Worcester " twenty one		21
Willard W. Lyman of Clinton " twenty one		21
Blanks		5

The returns of votes for the above officers were made out signed and sealed, and the check list and

ballots were sealed in separate envelopes as required by law and all properly Endorsed and delivered to the Town Clerk –

At 5-30 o'clock P.M. on motion of Henry F. Wing the meeting was dissolved

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk –

A Meeting of the Town Clerks of Berlin Grafton, Northborough, Shrewsbury, Southborough and Westborough comprising the 12th Representative District was held at Westboro, Friday November 12th at 12 o'clock M. as required by law

The Certificates of the Selectmen of the said towns were opened and it was found that George B Brigham of Westborough and Samuel J. Howe of Shrewsbury had been elected Representatives to the next General Court from the 12th district –

The Vote was as follows –

	George B. Brigham of Westboro	Samuel J. Howe of Shrewsbury	Marcus M. Wood of Grafton	James B. Putnam, Westboro	George E. Smith of Southboro	Leonard Brewer of Berlin	Frederick A. Smith of Southboro	Gilman Howe of Northboro	H. L. Chase of Westboro
Berlin	93	92	18	18	18	18			
Grafton	237	247	174	176		24	19		
Northborough	132	77	79	76		43		10	
Shrewsbury	135	145	83	97		48	16		
Southborough	131	135	105	105	5	5			
Westborough	343	379	270	292		6	6		2
	1071	1075	729	764	23	144	41	10	2

The proper Certificates were signed by the town Clerks

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerks –

Grafton January 3. 1887 –
Thomas D Hall was appointed weigher and sworn in this day by the town Clerk
Attest
Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton, Mass –
January 25. 1887 –

I hereby Certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the ballots Cast at the Election held November 2nd 1886 without Examining the same and that the Envelope Containing said ballots has not been opened since said Election but was destroyed unopened with said ballots this day, and that I have delivered to the Board of Registrars of Voters the Check list Contained in the Envelope in which it was originally sealed said list being the same list used at the Election held in November 2d 1886 and the Seal of said Envelope being unbroken and the said Envelope unopened all being done as by law directed
Attest
A. A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the 24th day of January at two (2) o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To see what instructions, if any the Town will give the Selectmen in regard to making a contract with the Hassanamisco Water Company, for the rental of hydrants, or for the purchase from said corporation of its franchise, corporate property and all its rights powers and privileges, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-seven

Worcester, ss. January 18. 1887 — A. J. Hall
I have served the foregoing warrant by A. L. Fisher
posting attested copies thereof at S. A. Forbush
the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, E. A. Estabrook
Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders Village on Tuesday the
Eighteenth day of January current, being seven days at least

Selectmen of Grafton —

before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and Return
Attest
Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton, Jany. 24. 1887.-
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of the town met in the Town Hall, Monday January 24. at 2 o'clock P.M. and the following is a record of the proceedings
The meeting was called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant and called for a ballot for moderator.-
Eight ballots were cast all of which were for Charles M. Batchelder and he was declared elected moderator.-
Mr. A. J. Hall Chairman of the Board of Selectmen stated the object of the meeting.
C. H. Nelson read and explained the proposition submitted to the town by the Water Company.
David L. Fike called for the reading of the correspondence between the Selectmen and the Water Company, and Mr. Hall read a letter from the attorny of the Company.-
D. B. Hubbard inquired if it would not be necessary to have further legislation before the town could purchase the works
He was answered by Mr. Usher the atty. of the Corporation, who stated that further legislation was intended.-
The reading of the act of incorporation of the Hassanamisco Water Company, was called for and read by the Clerk.-
Remarks were made by J. A. Dodge, D. L. Fike D. B. Hubbard, Mr. Thurston & Mr. Marble
Voted; That Mr. Usher (the atty. of the Water Company) be allowed to speak and that he have all the time he needs.-

A J Hall, A L Fisher & A G Kempton appointed Fellers and sworn by the Clerk –

Voted: (On motion of A Dodge) That in the opinion of the voters of Grafton in town meeting assembled the Selectmen will exercise good judgment and sound discretion by giving their consent to the proposition offer a Contract with the Hassanamisco Water Co. as it has been read to this meeting, meaning the paper containing the price in case the works were ever purchased – 133 yes 59 No –

Voted: To dissolve the meeting

Attest

Alden A Howe

Town Clerk –

Worcester SS.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Seventh (7th) day of February at two (2) o'clock in the P. M, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d. To see whether the Voters of the Town will ratify the following contract between this Town and the Hassanamisco Water Company, to which a majority of the Selectmen have given their consent under the provision of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth, as contained in Chapter 27, Section 27, or what action they will take thereon.

This indenture made and entered into this day of. in the year eighteen hundred and eighty seven, by and between the Hassanamisco Water Company, a corporation duly established by law, party of the first part, and the Inhabitants of Grafton, party of the second part, hereafter referred to as the town witnesseth:

First. The said Water Company gives and grants to said town the right to use such hydrants as it may require, not exceeding eighty nine in number, located as shown on two certain plans in possession of said town, made by George Alexander, and identified by the signatures thereon of a majority of the selectmen of said town, and agrees to furnish at all times a supply of water through such hydrants, under such pressure as may be necessary to render it available for fire purposes.

Second. This contract shall be and remain in force for a period of twenty years, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty seven.

Third. The said town agrees to pay to said Company each year, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars as hydrant rental. The said sum shall be paid each

year by the Town Treasurer, to the Treasurer of said Water Company, in four equal instalments to wit, on the first days of January, April, July and October. Until the works of said Company are extended to North Grafton, as hereinafter specified, the said rental shall be fourteen hundred dollars per year, and the first instalment, amounting to three hundred and fifty dollars shall become due on the first day of April A.D. 1887. As soon as the water is turned on for effective use throughout the North Grafton system, the said rental shall begin to run at twenty five hundred dollars per year as above stated.

Fourth. The said Water Company also agrees to furnish without expense to said town, four watering troughs, located at the most advantageous points, on the line of the main distribution pipe as may be determined by the selectmen It also agrees to furnish, without expense to the town, the town house for the use of town and school houses on the line of the main distribution pipe, with all water necessary, under such ordinary commercial restrictions as may guard against waste.

Fifth. The said Company agrees to extend its water works system to and through North Grafton, during the year 1887, as shown on a plan in possession of the town, called the North Grafton plan, made by George Alexander, and identified by the signatures thereon of a majority of the selectmen. In case said Company shall fail or to extend said works, the rental to be paid by said town shall be seven hundred dollars per year from and after January 1 A.D. 1888, instead of fourteen hundred dollars, until the said works are so extended.

Sixth. It is agreed by the parties hereto, that, if at any time prior to the year 1907, the town shall desire to purchase the franchise, corporate property, and all rights, powers, and privileges of said Company, under the provisions of Section Eight, of Chapter 211, of the Acts of the Legislature of 1886, the said franchise, corporate property, and all rights, powers, and privileges shall be sold by the said Water Company, and purchased by the town, upon the following basis of value, viz: if the purchase is made any time prior to January 1, 1889, the said franchise corporate property, and all rights and privileges shall be so bought and sold as of

the value of $80,000; and if bought during any part of the following years, the value of said franchise, corporate property, and all rights and privileges shall be deemed to be as follows:

During any part of	1889.	$ 82,000.00.
" " "	" 1890	84,000.00.
" " "	" 1891	86,000.00.
" " "	" 1892	88,000.00.
" " "	" 1893	90,000.00.
" " "	" 1894	91,500.00.
" " "	" 1895	93,000.00.
" " "	" 1896	94,500.00.
" " "	" 1897	96,000.00.
" " "	" 1898	97,500.00.
" " "	" 1899	99,000.00.
" " "	" 1900	100,500.00.
" " "	" 1901	101,500.00.
" " "	" 1902	102,500.00.
" " "	" 1903	103,500.00.
" " "	" 1904	104,500.00.
" " "	" 1905	105,500.00.
" " "	" 1906	106,500.00.

The above basis of value shall be conclusive and binding upon both the parties hereto.

In witness whereof, the said Hassanamisco Water Company, by its President thereto duly authorized, has caused the name and seal of said Company to be hereto affixed, and the inhabitants of Grafton have caused their corporate name and seal to be hereto affixed by the hand of a majority of the Selectmen on the day and year first above written.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty eighth (28th) day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven

A J Hall
A L Fisher
S A Fairbank
C H Nelson
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. January 29th 1887.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnhamville, Fishville, and Saunders Village, on Saturday the 29th day of January current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A. J. Hall
A. L. Fisher
S. A. Forbush
C. H. Nelson

Selectmen of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and Return
Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Feb 7 - 1887

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall Monday afternoon Feb 7 and were called to order by the clerk. The warrant was read by the clerk, who then appointed the following officers - A. J. Hall, A. L. Fisher S. A. Forbush E. A. Estabrook and C. H. Nelson. A ballot was then held for moderator which resulted in the choice of Lyman M. Rice who received thirty five (35) votes against twelve (12) for Chas. M. Batchelder. Mr. Rice then took the chair Mr Joseph A. Dodge moved that the contract between the Town of Grafton and the Hassanamisco Water Company, which has been approved and consented to by a majority of the selectmen of the town and which is set forth in full in Article Second in the warrant issued by said selectmen for the holding of this meeting, be ratified and adopted, and that the said selectmen be authorized empowered and instructed to sign, seal and deliver said contract on behalf of this town, and that the vote upon this question be taken by ballot using also the check list, and that ballots intended to be thrown in favor of ratifying said contract shall say or in express terms, or simply use the word "yes", and ballots intended to be thrown against such ratification shall say or in express terms, or simply use the word "no".
After remarks by Mr. Fiske, Mr Fowler, Mr Dodge, and several others, a ballot was taken, the check list being used, which resulted as follows Yes - 280. No. 209.
Voted to adjourn at 4-30

Attest

Allen A. Clowes
Town Clerk.

Worcester SS.

To Either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Monday the Seventh day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To Choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d To hear the reports of the several Town officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Footways, and Bridges, for the ensuing year.

Art. 5th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art. 6th To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon.

Art 7th To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art. 8th To see what compensation the town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art. 9th To see if the town will accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art 10th To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art. 11th To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town.

Art. 12 Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 13 To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use and act thereon.

Art. 14th To see if the town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act thereon.

Art. 15th To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 264 of the acts of the Legislature of the year 1886 relating to precinct voting in towns.

Art. 16 To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk over the Quinsigamond River at North Grafton in the outside of the large stone bridge, Easterly of the present highway.

Art. 17th To see what action the town will take with reference to the bequest left the town by the late Mrs. Almira B. Rawson.

Art. 18th To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen laying out Prospect Street North Grafton, and appropriate one hundred dollars therefor.

Art. 19th To see if the town will vote to widen and straighten the road from Saundersville to Wilkinsonville, beginning at a point near the residence of Wm Jones to house of John Minnehan, and appropriate two hundred dollars therefor.

Art. 20th To see if the town will vote to require the school committee to annually appoint a Superintendent who under the direction and control of said committee shall have the care and supervision of the public Schools of the town, or act thereon -

Art. 21st To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sections 64, 66, 67, and 68 Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes and Section 1 Chapter 203, Acts of 1883

Art. 22nd To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Engineers to reorganize the fire department.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of the Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farmersville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

A. J. Hall
A. L. Fisher
S. A. Forbush
C. H. Nelson
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. February 25th 1887

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farmersville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Friday the 25th day of February current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of Warrant and return attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Monday Mch. 7. 1887

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the the legal voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 9 o'clock A.M. and transacted the following business -

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

The Warrant was read by the Clerk.

The Clerk appointed Andrew J. Hall Albert L. Fisher, Silas A. Forbush, Charles H. Nelson and Edward A Estabrook tellers to receive and count the votes for selectmen -

A ballot was then taken for Moderator, in which the check list was used,

There were one hundred and fourteen (114) ballots cast

Sixty five (65) were for Charles M. Batchelder forty Nine (49) were for Lyman M. Rice

Mr. Batchelder was declared Elected and took the Chair -

Prayer was offered by Rev. B. A. Robie

The Moderator appointed Andrew J. Hall, Lyman M. Rice and A L. Fisher tellers and they took the oath -

Voted to take up Article 12 and vote yes and no on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" at the same time we vote for town officers.

Voted; To proceed to vote on one ballot for the following officer viz -

a Town Clerk, five Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, three assessors, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, One Overseer of the Poor for three years, one Town House Committee for three years, One School Committee for three years, One Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, One trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery, for five years, one trustee

of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one Common Committee for three years and twelve Constables -

Article 21 taken up -

Voted: To accept the provisions of Sections 64, 66, 67 and 68 Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes and Section 1 Chap 203 acts of 1883 and Elect one assessor for three years one for two years and one for one year.

Voted: To Close the Polls at 3 o'clock P.M.

Edward A Estabrook was appointed teller by the moderator and took the oath -

At 12-20 o'clock P.M. voted to adjourn for half an hour for dinner -

Voted: To Extend the time for voting half an hour and that the polls close at 3-30 P.M -

At 3-30 o'clock P.M. the Polls were closed and the result of the ballot was announced by the Town Clerk as follows:

Whole number of ballots cast for town officers Five hundred thirty (530

Town Clerk

Allen A. Howe had 530 and was declared Elected and sworn by the moderator -

Selectmen -

Herbert F. Allen	had	525
Thomas Wilmarth	"	492
Charles Horatio Nelson	"	312
Edward A Estabrook	"	527
George F. Estabrook	"	510
Lewis H. Bigelow	"	217
Scattering	"	3

and the first five were declared Elected, and sworn by the moderator -

Treasurer.

Henry F Weig had 530 votes and was declared Elected - Sworn by Clerk 3/14.

√ 20 o'clock

Assessors -

Luther K. Leland for 3 years had 364 Sworn Mch 19 - by Clerk
Jeremiah Robinson " 2 " " 522 Sworn 3/16 by Clerk
John B. White " 1 " " 530 Sworn 3/16 " "
Daniel B. Hubbard " 3 " " 160
Silas E. Stowe " . " " 1
and the first three were declared Elected -

Commissioner of Sinking Fund for 3 years -
Luther K. Leland had 567
and was declared Elected -

Overseer of the Poor, for 3 years
Silas Vinton had 318
David L. Fike " 208
Scattering 4
and Silas Vinton was declared Elected -

Committee on Town House,
Herbert F. Allen had 259
Silas E. Stowe " 153
and Herbert F. Allen was declared Elected -

School Committee, for 3 years
Warren B. Maxwell had 530
and was declared Elected -

Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for 5 years -
Thomas T. Grigg had 530 and was declared Elected -

Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years -
Samuel H. Knowlton had 529 and was declared Elected -

Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for 5 years -
A. G. Kempton had 370 and (declined - Wood Elected Cap. 4.)
Henry C. Wood " 157 and
A. G. Kempton was declared Elected -

Committee on Common
Silas Vinton had 530 and was Elected -

Constables –

James Carney	had	374	Sworn by Moderator
William C. Fletcher	"	509	" " "
A. G. Fitchell	"	525	" " "
W. A. Robinson	"	523	" " Town Clerk
Wm S. Wood	"	370	" " Moderator
Henry Mann	"	523	" " Clerk Apr. 8/87
Thomas Mitchell	"	520	Sworn by Moderator
Sumner F. Leonard	"	371	
F. H. Prentice	"	523	
James Gleason	"	524	Sworn by Town Clerk.
T. Davis Hall	"	470	" " Moderator
Walter S. Carpenter	"	527	" " Clerk Apr. 14. 1887
John C. Ferguson	"	162	
James N. Pratt	"	157	
Wm Shirey	"	59	
Scattering		9	

and the first twelve were declared Elected.

Vote on License Question –

Whole number of votes Cast		499
Yes	240	
No	259	

The Reports of the following town officers were accepted as printed viz:

The Selectmen's Report
" Treasurer's "
" Collector's " with the following payments of taxes since making report viz:

Edgar A. Finney	2.00	Perley A. Grant	2.00	Martin A. Fuller	7.05
Frank E. Venton	2.00	Chas. A. King	8.80	J. B. Sonnett	2.00
Daniel Lincoln	9.00	Jos. Stern	2.00	Benj. Robbins	14.10
Wm C. Fletcher	2.00	Wm C. Hudson	2.00	James Lewis	2.
Mrs. Eliza Jacobs	3.52	E. D. Sadler	.65	Chas. Watson	2.
Thomas Small	2	Geo. W. Tyler	2.09	Total	96.92

Report of Overseers of the Poor.
" " Town House Committee
" " Town House Sinking Fund Commission
" " Engineers –
" " Trustees of Fairview Cemetery –
" " " " Mt. Grafton "
" " " " Riverside "

Report of Committee on Common
" " Quartermaster Post 2 G.A.R.
" " Registrar.
" " Trustees of Free Public Library
" " School Committee

Mr. Amy F. Wing read the following report of the Committee on the Bequest left the Town by the late Mrs. Almira B. Rawson

— Report

The Committee chosen to investigate all the matters relating to the Estates of the late Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field, deceased and the late Mrs. Almira B. Rawson deceased and the late Dr. Levi Rawson deceased, said committee to have full power to act for the town in the settlement of all the said Estates, and to receive from said Administrators and Executors all the Legacies or sums or things due from said Estates, or any of them, to the Town of Grafton, and give receipts and release under seal in full or otherwise to said Administrators and Executors therefor or receipts of same — the Committee to have full power to say and judge as to what is due from said Estates to the Town — have attended to the duties assigned to them, and would respectfully report that all the above named Estates have been settled and the Administrators and Executors discharged

By the will of Mrs. Almira B. Rawson the third item is as follows —

3d At the decease of said Louisa A. R. Field I give and bequeath to the town of Grafton aforesaid the sum of five thousand Dollars ($5.000.) the income of which shall be used by said town to aid in the support of aged and poor females in their own homes or in private families, where they can enjoy quiet and retirement.

Your Committee have received the bequest of five thousand dollars and interest to March 3d 1887 of four hundred sixty dollars and seventy five cents, for which they hold an interest bearing certificate of five thousand dollars in the Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust Company and four hundred and sixty & 74/100 dollars on deposit in Grafton National Bank.

Item 9th of the will of Mrs. Louisa A R. Field is as follows

"9th The residue of my Estate real and personal after the payment of all expenses I give and bequeath to the Town of Grafton for the benefit of the Free Public Library and Reading Room: the income to be used for the purchase of books, and papers until such a time as the much desired building for its accommodation be supplied, when the principal may be added to the building fund, if considered wisest by the Trustees then acting"

Your Committee have received from the Executors of the above estate Nineteen hundred seven & 91/100 dollars as follows

Boston & Albany 7 per ct. R.R. bond Valued	$ 1171.66
Certificate Worcester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	736.25
46 acres of land appraised Value in the estate	752.50
	$ 2660.41

Respectfully submitted

Henry F. Wing
David L. Fiske
Joseph A. Dodge
} Committee

Grafton Mch 7. 1887

It was also stated by the Committee that Mrs. Field in her will left $300 – the income of which was to be expended for the Care of the Rawson & & Field lot in the Riverside Cemetery: The trust was declined and the money came to the town as residuary legatee, and the Committee recommend that the town assume the care of said lots

Voted, to accept the report of the Committee –

Art. 4th taken up

Voted; That the repairs of the Highways and bridges for the ensuing year be left in the hands of the Selectmen as Highway Surveyors.

Voted: To adjourn at 5 o'clock, to one week from today at 1-30 o'clock P.M.

Article 5th

Voted: To raise Thirty-Six thousand dollars by taxation for the ensuing year

Voted: To appropriate the following sums

	$
Reduction of town debt	5000 -
Interest on Town debt	3.000 -
High School	1.600 -
Common Schools	7.000 -
Fuel & Janitors - all the Schools	1.300 -
Books & Stationery " " "	1.000 -
Repairs of School House	500 -
Fire Department	1.500 -
Highways	3.000 -
Free public library (in addition to dog fund)	100 -
Support of Poor	5.000 -
Sinking Fund, town hall	1.360 -
Memorial Day	100 -
Common	50 -
Town Clerk's Salary	75.
Town Treasurer's Salary	65.
Library at North Franklin	50 -
" " Farnumsville	25.
" " Saundersville	25.
Post 24, G.A.R. Relief Fund	30.
Hassanamisco Water Co. hydrants	1500 -
Street lights or Sidewalks Center	100
do North part town	100
do South " "	100 -
Town Officers (except Clerk, Treasurer and School Committee	1.500 -
School Committee	500
Town House - running Expense	750.
State Aid	250.
Miscellaneous	420 -
Total	$36.000 -

Art. 6. taken up

Voted: That no discount be allowed on the payment of taxes

Voted: that all taxes be payable on or before October 1. and that all taxes unpaid October 1st shall be subject to any addition of interest at the rate of 7% per annum

Voted: That the Collection of taxes for the ensuing year be set up at auction -
The Collection of taxes was then set up at auction by the Moderator and was struck off to John B. White at 8 mills on the dollar, this being the lowest bid -

Art. 2nd taken up and a ballot was had for Collector of Taxes and
John B. White was unanimously Elected (13 ballots cast) -

Art. 7th taken up -
Voted: That the Compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead for the ensuing year be the same as it was last year -

Art. 8th taken up -
Voted: That the matter of the compensation of the Firemen for the year ensuing be left in the hands of the Selectmen and Engineers

Article 9th taken up -
Voted: To accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, except that the name of Farmer Miles be stricken from the list and the name of Edwin A Howes be substituted therefor -

Jury List

The following is the list of Jurors accepted by the Town

Adams, Joseph
Adams, Erastus
Axtell, Cyrus R.
Allen, Herbert F.
Banister, Henry L.
Brown, William H.
Brewer, William C.
Brewer, Thomas H.
Brooks, Henry E.
Brown, John A (S.V.)
Bigelow, Oscar F.
Batchelor, Sanford L.
Bigelow, Arthur M.
Batchelder, Charles M.
Coe, George S.
Crowe, Patrick H.
Chaffin, Frank W.
Dunn, George M.
Davenport, Stearns L.
Dearborn, George A.
Dodge, Joseph A.
Eastbrook, Edward A.
Ennis, Peter
Elliott, Aaron
Fowler, Augustus
Fiske, David L.
Ford, Edwin A.
Fay, George A.
Fitzpatrick, Edward
Goddard, Perley
Graves, James
Getchell, Amos G.
Goddard, J. Augustus
Holbrook, Elisha D.
Hall, Henry
Howe, Frank M.
Howe, Edwin A.
Knowlton, Albert B.
Keith, Moses A.
Knowlton, Samuel H.
Leland, Levi N. Jr.
Leonard, Simmons F.
Long, Richard
Lincoln, Dwight E.
Lemard, Charles L.
Mann, Henry
McKenzie, James W.
Manning, Thomas J.
McClellan, John E.
Newton, George R.
Paine, Elias A.
Piper, James
Pratt, Clarence R.
Rice, Lyman M.
Rice, Ashley W.
Sinclair, J. Elbridge
Stowe, Silas E.
Stowe, Lewis A.
Swetzer, John A.
Stockbridge, Romanzo C.
Snow, Asahel T.
Sherry, Wm
Smith, Solon F.
Whitney, John A.
Walker, George W.
Wood, Henry C.
Wood, C. Edward

Art. 10th taken up
Voted; That the High School be kept in the Centre District.

Art. 11th taken up
Voted: That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes
Voted unanimously; That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money, to renew replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor and that the rate of interest shall not exceed four per cent;

Art. 13th taken up
Voted: That the Collector be authorized to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed a collector may use.

Art. 14th taken up
Voted: To appropriate Five hundred dollars for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors

Article 15th relative to precinct voting in town.
Voted: To pass over the article

Art. 16th taken up
Mr. Sargent explained the need of a sidewalk on the outside of the bridge over Quinsigamond River at North Grafton.
Voted: That the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen to report

plans for such a bridge and estimated cost, at the adjourned meeting —

Art. 17th taken up
Voted: That the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor be a Committee to receive the bequest of Mrs. Elmira B Rawson and to invest the same, and to carry out the provisions of the will —

Art. 18th taken up
The report of the Selectmen laying out Prospect Street, North Grafton was read by the Clerk,
Voted: To accept the report of the Selectmen and to appropriate One hundred dollars for building the road, and that it be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

Art. 19th taken up
Voted: That the town appropriate two hundred dollars to widen and straighten the road from Saundersville to Wilkinsonville from the residence of Wm Jones to the house of John Minahan, and that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen

Art. 20th
Voted: To pass over the article —

Art. 22nd
Voted: That the town authorize the Selectmen and Engineers to reorganize the fire department

Voted: To take up article 2nd —

Voted: To reconsider the vote to adjourn for one week and that when we adjourn, we adjourn to the first Monday in April at two o'clock P.M.

Voted; To have twelve Field Drivers.
The following named persons were nominated and elected —

Ernest Carney — E. E. Howe
Edw E. Whitney — Geo H. Smith
John Katen sworn — S. B. Hale Jr — sworn
Fred. Bennett — Charles Mordy
George McKenzie — John E. McClellan
Elmer Johnson sworn 3/17 — Luke T. Drury —

Voted: To have three Fence Viewers —
Perley Goddard S. E. Stowe and Aaron Elliott were appointed —
(Sworn Apr 4 —)

Voted: That the Selectmen be the auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

Voted: That the appointment of all other officers be left in the hands of the Selectmen

At 5 o'clock P.M. Voted to adjourn until Monday April 4th at two o'clock P.M.

Attest
Alden A Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton, March 14, 1887.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made viz:

Measurers of Wood and Weighers of Coal.

A. G. Kempton,	Farnumsville	
Ezekiel Fowler,	Saundersville	
L. K. Leland	No. Grafton	Sworn & clerk Mch. 19 -
E. O. Lindley	" "	Sworn & clerk Apr. 5 -
E. D. Holbrook	" "	" " " Mch. 23 -
Geo. K. Nichols & Son	Centre	" " " Mch. 15
Thos. J. Hall	"	Sworn 3/15 by clerk

Sealer of Weights & Measures
Samuel E. Leland Sworn 3/15/87 clerk

Keeper of Lockup and Pound.
James Carney Sworn Mch. 18. 87. clerk

Special Police -
Dennis Minnehan, Saundersville -
sworn & clerk Mch 24 -

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk -

Grafton April 4. 1887 –
The Meeting which adjourned from March 7. 1887 was called to order at 2 o'clock P.M. this day by the Chairman Mr – Elias M. Batchelder.

A Communication from A. G. Kempton declining to serve as one of the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery was read –

Voted: To proceed to elect a trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years in place of A. G. Kempton declined –

A ballot was had which resulted in the Election of Henry C. Wood. Four ballots cast all of which were for Henry C. Wood –

Art. 16 was taken up

Charles H. Nelson made a partial report in behalf of the Committee appointed March 7th to procure plans and estimates for a foot bridge over the Quinsigamond River at North Grafton

Voted: that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen with power to act at their discretion –

Voted: (On motion of D. B. Hubbard) That the assessors be instructed to have the Valuation books printed this year

Voted: To dissolve the Meeting

Attest

Allen A. Glover
Town Clerk

Worcester, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fourth day of April at 2-30 o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will give authority to the Selectmen to execute, acknowledge and deliver to John Carr a quitclaim deed of the premises conveyed to the town by deed of John Carr dated May 3. 1886

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid — Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-seven

a true copy of Warrant and return
Attest Alden A. Stowe Town Clerk

Worcester SS Mch 26. 1887 I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Postoffice in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders Village, on Saturday the twenty sixth day of March current being seven days at least before time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney Constable of Grafton

E A Estabrook
C H Nelson
Geo F. Estabrook
Thos Wilmarth
H F Allen

Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton April 4. 1887 –
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town hall
The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 2-30 o'clock P.M.
The warrant was read by the Town Clerk and a ballot for Moderator was called for.
The Clerk appointed Messrs. E. A. Estabrook 1st & Nelson Geo. F. Estabrook Thos. Wilmarth and H. F. Allen, Tellers and administered the oath to them –
A ballot was had for Moderator
There were Seven (7) ballots cast
Five (5) were for Lyman M. Rice
Two (2) " " Charles M. Batchelder
and Mr. Rice was declared Elected and took the Chair –
Sam'l. H. Crowell reported in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor in regard to the case of John Carr, and stated that $62.50 were now due to the town for his support at the town farm –
Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to Execute Acknowledge and deliver to John Carr a quitclaim deed of the premises conveyed to the town by deed of John Carr dated May 3. 1886

Voted: That this meeting be now dissolved –

Attest
A. A. Lower
Town Clerk

Grafton, May 2. 1887-
The Selectmen appointed the following Police
George M. Newton, Special Railroad Police Sworn Mayhly Clerk -
Attest
Alden A Howe Town Clerk

May 23. 1887-
The Selectmen appointed James Carney, Keeper of Lockup and Pound - Sworn May 23. by Town Clerk.
Charles Herbert Nelson appointed Police Officer and sworn by the Town Clerk -
Attest
Alden A Howe, Town Clerk

Police and Constable Badges,

have been delivered to the following persons

Constable -	Police Badges -
Henry Mann resigned 3/5/88	Geo. M. Newton
James Gleason	Dennis Minnehan

July 5. 1887-
W. S. Spencer was appointed Police Officer and sworn by the Clerk
A. A. Howe
Town Clerk

June 6. 1887 -
John E. McClellan was appointed Fire Warden and sworn by the Clerk
A. A. Howe
Town Clerk

October 17. 1887
Fred A. Dodge was appointed weigher by the Selectmen and sworn by the Clerk
Attest A. A. Howe Town Clerk

Worcester, S.S.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the 27th day of October at 7-30 o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will adopt a code of By-Laws

Art. 3rd To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to build three ~~streets~~ in North Grafton near the Boston & Albany Railroad Depot through land formerly owned by N. K. Merriam and appropriate money for the same, (as per plans on file)

Art 4th To see if the Town will vote to build a road in North Grafton for the accommodation of J. E. Windle, commencing at the corner of Nelson's Shop and running Easterly fifty two rods, to Windle's new factory, and appropriate money therefor.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fishersville and Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & eighty seven

E. A. Estabrook
C. H. Nelson
Geo F. Estabrook — Selectmen of Grafton
Thos Wilmarth
H. F. Allen.

Worcester S.S. Oct 19th 1887

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fishersville and Saundersville Village, on Wednesday the nineteenth day of October 1887 current, being seven days, at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed. James Carney Constable of Grafton

Grafton, October 27, 1887

Pursuant to the foregoing the voters of the town assembled at the Town Hall at 7-30 o'clock this Evening.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and appointed E. A. Estabrook Geo. A. Estabrook Thomas Wilmouth and Herbert F. Allen as tellers and administered the oath to them

A ballot for moderator resulted as follows

Whole number of ballots cast	Eleven	11
C. M. Batchelder had	Six	6
H. A. Wing "	three	3
Joseph A. Dodge "	two	2

and C. M. Batchelder was declared Elected.

The following code of By-laws was presented to the town for its adoption, and were read by John E. McCullan

By-Laws
of the
Town of Grafton.

1. No person shall conduct himself in an indecent or disorderly manner, nor use profane, indecent obscene or insulting language in any public way or place, or near any dwelling house; nor commit any wanton or wilful act, in or about the premises of any person, with intent to annoy or disturb any inhabitant.

2. No person shall make any indecent figure, nor write any indecent or obscene words upon any wall, post, or building or in any public place.

3. No person shall bathe or swim, in a state of nudity, in any of the waters within the town, in places exposed to public view, or in the immediate sight of the occupants of any dwellinghouse, shop, or factory, or within view of any railroad.

4- No person, without cause, shall utter loud cries, no-ise, or cause to be used any horn or other instrument, in any public way, or near any such way, so as to disturb any person.

5. No person shall discharge any kind of fire-arms, nor fire any crackers, or fire works, or any explosive compound, in any street alley or public way, nor throw such fireworks, or explosive material, within the limits of any street or public way, so as to disturb or annoy any person.

6- No person shall, in any manner, affix any bill, placard, or poster, nor paint, draw or write any words, figures, or devices, not required by law to be posted thereon, upon any property not his own, without first obtaining the consent of the owner thereof, nor upon any tree, rock or other object, in any street or public way, without the consent of the Selectmen,

7- No person shall play at foot ball, or any other game with ball, nor throw stones, or snow-balls, or other missels, in any public way, so as to disturb or annoy, or with intent to disturb or annoy, any person rightfully being or passing therein, nor coast on sleds, or otherwise, in any street or public way, in any of the villages of the town, except by the permission, and under the regulations of the Selectmen.

8- No person shall suffer any animal under his control, to pasture upon any public way, except within the limits of such way adjoining his own premises, and on the same side of the street therewith.

9- No person shall suffer any horse under his control to go at an immoderate in any public way so as to endanger thereby the life, safety, or convenience of any person rightfully being or passing there in.

10 – No person shall ride or drive unnecessarily on any of the sidewalks of any street, nor allow his horse or vehicle to remain thereon a longer time than five minutes together.

11 – No person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle, or team, to any of the trees on any public way or grounds of the town, nor drive into the same any nails, nor affix any sign-board thereto.

12 – No person shall permit any animal or vehicle under his control, to stand upon any public street, so as to obstruct the free and convenient use of the same, by any other person.

13 – No person shall place, or cause to be placed, in any public way or place, any ashes, garbage, carrion, shavings, filth, offal, or any kind of rubbish, except in such place and manner as shall be directed by the Selectmen.

14 – No person shall conduct by open drain pipe or conduit, or empty, any filthy water or other unclean matter into or upon any street or public way.

15 – Every violation of the foregoing By-Laws shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

16 – All penalties for violation of these By-Laws may be recovered by complaint before any Court or Magistrate of the county, having jurisdiction of criminal offences committed within the town, and the penalties so recovered shall be paid into the treasury of the town. But no prosecution shall be commenced after six months from the time of such violation.

17 – It shall be the duty of the Selectmen, the Constables and Police officers, under the Selectmen, to take due notice of and prosecute for all violations of either of the foregoing By-Laws.

Voted, That the town adopt the code of By-Laws,

submitted by John E. McClellan, and that Mr. Thomas Wilmarth be committee to present them to the Superior Court for their approval, and if approved to have sufficient number of them printed, in a convenient form, so that each family in the town can have a copy, and that a suitable number of copies be framed and posted in convenient places throughout the town.

Article 3d taken up -

Voted that the road as laid out by the Selectmen be accepted and that the Selectmen be instructed to build it and that two hundred and fifty (250) dollars be appropriated for that purpose to be paid out of taxes of 1888

Article 4th taken up -

Voted that the road be accepted as laid out by the Selectmen and that they be instructed to build it and that the sum of One hundred and fifty (150) dollars be appropriated therefor to be paid out of the taxes of 1888.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved -

Attest

Allen A. Lowe

Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the Eighth day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for twelfth Worcester Representative District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a Commissioner of Insolvency.

The votes all of the above Officers will be received on one ballot deposited in the ballot box with the face downwards, open and unfolded, or in a sealed envelope as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the office voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 9-30 o'clock A.M. and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock P.M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Center of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fitchville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to warelors, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty eighth day of October, in the year of the Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

E. A. Estabrook
C. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
Thos Wilmarth
H. F. Allen
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. October 28th 1887.

I have served the forgoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville in Friday the twenty eighth day of October 1887. current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton, November 8. 1887

Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town met in the Town hall, to day, Tuesday November 8. 1887, at 9 o'clock A.M.

The meeting was conducted by the Board of Selectmen, the full board being present.

At nine o'clock A.M. the meeting was called to order by E. A. Estabrook the chairman of the Board of Selectmen

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk

On motion of Alden M. Bigelow it was Voted, that the polls be closed at three (3) o'clock P.M.

At 9-30 o'clock the Ballot Box was opened and shown publicly, and examined by the Selectmen and the Town Clerk, and found to be empty. the box was then closed and locked by the Town Clerk and the

Keys to the ballot box delivered by him to James Carney Constable.

The Register on the ballot box stood 0000

At 1-25 o'clock P.M. (it being the unanimous judgement of the Selectmen and Town Clerk that it was advisable to do so) the ballot-box was opened and the ballots were taken therefrom and counted.

The Register at that time was Examined by the Town Clerk and found to be 372.

After the ballots were removed the box was shown publicly to be Empty and was then closed and locked by the Town Clerk and the key again given to the Constable. The ballots were counted and found to agree with figures on the ballot-box register

The polls were closed at 3 o'clock P.M. The Ballot-box register was Examined by the Town Clerk and stood 486

The ballot-box was unlocked and the ballots taken therefrom and counted in the view of the meeting, and there were found to be 486 ballots. The check marks on the check list were counted and found to be four hundred Eighty five (485).

The ballots for Each officer voted for were then Canvassed and counted and declared as follows viz;

Whole number of ballots Cast,
Four hundred Eighty Six 486.

For Governor:

Oliver Ames, of Easton had three hundred Nine	309
Henry B Lovering of Lynn had One hundred forty Seven	147
William H. Earle of Worcester had twenty nine	29
John F Andrew had one	1

For Lieutenant Governor

John D. A. Brackett, of Arlington	had three hundred twelve	312
Walter Cutting, of Pittsfield	had one hundred forty three	143
John Blackmer, of Springfield	" thirty	30
Wm. H. Earl	" one	1

For Councillor.

George W. Johnson, of Brookfield	had three hundred thirteen	313
Ransom C. Taylor of Worcester	had one hundred forty three	143
George F. Clark, of Hubbardston	" thirty	30

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Henry B. Peirce, of Abington	had three hundred fourteen	314
John F. Murphy of Lowell	" one hundred forty two	142
Amos E. Hall of Chelsea	" twenty nine	29
Blank	one	1

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Alanson W. Beard of Boston	had three hundred fourteen	314
Henry C. Thatcher of Yarmouth	" one hundred forty two	142
John L. Kilbon, of Lee	" twenty nine	29
Blank		1

For Auditor of Accounts.

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield	had three hundred fourteen	314
William F. Cook, of Springfield	had one hundred forty two	142
Edmund M. Knox, of Hudson	had twenty nine	29
Blank	one	1

For Attorney General.

Andrew J. Waterman, of Pittsfield	had three hundred fourteen	314
John W. Corcoran of Clinton	" one hundred forty two	142
Allen Coffin of Nantucket	" twenty nine	29
Blank		1

For Senator, 2nd Worcester District

Silas M. Whelock of Uxbridge had	three hundred Eighty one	381
James F. Stratton of Milford had	Seventy one	71
Rufus B. Southwick of Berlin "	Twenty six	26
W. M. Ward "	one	1
Henry Hall "	one	1
George G. Parker of Milford "	two	2
Blank	four	4

For Representative 12th Worcester District.

J. Henry Robinson of Southborough had	three hundred Eighteen	318
Albert L. Fisher of Grafton had	three hundred twenty	320
John E. Moran of Berlin had	one hundred thirty seven	137
Henry Hall " Grafton "	one hundred thirty nine	139
Charles D. Swett " Northboro "	twenty six	26
George Bruch " Shrewsbury "	twenty seven	27
Blank	five	5

For County Commissioner

James H. Barker, of Milford had	three hundred fourteen	314
Stephen K. Edwards of Southbridge "	one hundred forty two	142
John A. Davis " Worcester "	twenty nine	29
Blank	one	1

For Commissioner of Insolvency

Rufus D. Dodge, Jr. of Charlton had	three hundred fourteen	314
Joseph A. Titus of Worcester "	one hundred forty ~~two~~	142
John S. Hammell " Milford "	twenty nine	29
Blank	one	1

The returns of votes for the above officers were made out signed and sealed, and the check list and ballots were sealed in separate envelopes and endorsed as required by law and delivered to the Town Clerk

At 4-27 o'clock P.M. on Motion of C.M. Batchelder it was voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Aldan A. Glover

Town Clerk.

A meeting of the Town Clerks of Berlin, Grafton, Northboro, Southboro, Shrewsbury and Westboro, comprising the 12th Representative District was held at Westboro, Mass. November 18th at 12 o'clock M as required by law.

The certificates of the Selectmen of the said towns were opened and it was found that Albert L. Fisher, of Grafton, and J. Henry Robinson, of Southborough had been elected Representatives to the next general Court from the 12th district.

The vote was as follows.

Statement of votes for Representatives to General Court 12th Worcester District, Massachusetts

Names of Candidates	Residence.	Berlin.	Grafton.	Northboro.	Southboro.	Shrewsbury.	Westboro.	Total.
J. Henry Robinson	Southborough	103	318	137	136	117	392	1203
Albert L. Fisher	Grafton	102	320	138	134	116	391	1201
John E. Mason	Berlin	24	137	65	106	64	258	654
Henry Hall	Grafton	23	139	68	104	63	257	654
Charles D. Swett	Northboro	24	26	15		21		86
George Buck	Shrewsbury	24	27	20	5	22	23	121
Henry F. Wing	Grafton					1		1
William H. Buck	Southboro					1		1
Charles D. Sweet	Northboro			6	5		22	33
H. F. Webster					1			1
Blank			5					5
		300	972	449	491	405	1343 =	3960

The proper certificates were signed by the Town Clerks

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton January 31, 1888

Lyman M. Rice was appointed weighter by the Selectmen and sworn by the Clerk

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton - Mass -
February 13. 1887

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the ballots cast at the Election held November 8. 1887 without examining the same and that the envelope containing said ballots has not been opened since said Election but was destroyed unopened with said ballots this day, and that I have delivered to the Board of Registrars of Voters the check list contained in the envelope in which it was originally secured, said list being the same list used at the Election held on November 8. 1887, and the seal of said envelope being unbroken and the said envelope unopened all being done as by law directed.

J. Carney }
W. Faulkner } witness

Attest
Helen A. Howe
Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3d. To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4th. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways, and Bridges, the ensuing year.

Art. 5th. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art. 6th. To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art. 7th. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art. 8th. To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art. 9th. To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art. 10th. To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art. 11th. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town.

Art. 12th. Shall Licenses be granted for sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town.

Art. 13th. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use, and act thereon.

Art. 14th. To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the Illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon.

Art. 15th. To see if the Town will vote to require the School Committee to annually appoint a Superintendent who, under the Direction and control of said Committee, shall have the care and supervision of the public schools of the Town, or act thereon.

Art. 16th. To see if the Town will appropriate money for furnishing the Almshouse with new heating apparatus.

Art. 17th. To see what action the Town will take in the matter of flowage of part of the Town farm.

Art. 18th. To see if the Town will vote to lower and straighten that portion of the road from Grafton Centre to Brigham Hill, running through and known as Goddard's Gravel Pit, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Art. 19th. To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to grade and prepare the grounds, suitable for burial purposes, on the easterly side of said Cemetery, or act thereon.

Art. 20th. To see if the Town will move the Engine House in North Grafton.

Art. 21st. To see if the Town will accept the report of its Selectmen, laying out a street running from a point on Church Street, in Grafton Centre, near Casey's Blacksmith Shop, in a southerly direction and joining the road from Grafton Centre to Farnumsville, at a point about half way between the old Bruce place and the house of the late George F. Jordan, as surveyed by Verde and Rugg, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 22nd. To see if the Town will vote to sell certain tracts of wood land bequeathed to the Town by Mrs. Almira B. Rawson.

And you are directed to serve this

Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

E. A. Estabrook
E. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
Thomas Wilworth
H. F. Allen
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, S.S. February 24th, 1888

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of February current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of warrant and return,
Attest
Alden A. Gower
Town Clerk

Grafton, Monday March 5. 1888

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 9 o'clock A. M. today and the following business was transacted.

At twelve minutes past nine o'clock the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and appointed Messrs. Edw. A. Estabrook Chas. H. Nelson, Geo. F. Estabrook, Thos. Wilmarth and Herbert F. Allen to act as tellers and they were sworn by the Clerk.

A ballot for moderator was then taken which was as follows

Whole number of ballots cast	107
Charles M. Batchelder had	48
Lyman M. Rice "	59

And Lyman M. Rice was declared Elected and took the Chair

Prayer was offered by Rev E. L. S. Osgood.

The moderator appointed Edw. A. Estabrook, Chas. H. Nelson Geo. F. Estabrook, Thomas Wilmarth and Herbert F. Allen tellers of the meeting and administered the oath to them

Voted, (on motion of Adam M. Bigelow) To take up Article 12 and vote yes and no on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" at the same time we vote for town officers.

Voted; To proceed to vote on one ballot for the following town officers viz:
One Town Clerk, five Selectmen, one town treasurer, one Commissioner of Sinking fund for three years, one Assessor for 3 years, one overseer of the poor 3 years, One School Committee for 3 years, One trustee of Riverside Cemetery for 5 years, one trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years, One trustee of Fairview Cemetery for 5 years, One Committee on Common 3 years, one Town House Committee for three years, and twelve Constables.

Voted: To close the polls at 2 o'clock P. M.

Henry Mann was appointed by the Chair to take charge of the ballot box for the license vote

and was sworn by the Chairman.

The ballot box was opened and exhibited to the meeting by the town clerk, and after being locked the keys were handed to a constable.

At 2 o'clock P.M. the ballot was closed. The register on the ballot box used for the license vote showed 444

The result of the vote was announced as follows;

Whole number of ballots cast 464

Town Clerk.

Alden A. Howes had 464 and was declared Elected and sworn by the moderator.

Selectmen.

Edward A. Estabrook	462	Sworn by the Moderator
Charles Horatio Nelson	445	
Herbert F. Allen	456	
Thomas Wilmarth	454	
George F. Estabrook	453	

and were declared Elected.

Commissioner of Sinking Fund 3 years,

Joseph A. Dodge 455 and declared Elected.

Assessor for 3 years.

John B. White had 317

Perley Goddard " 146

and John B. White was declared Elected.

Town Treasurer.

Henry F. Wing had 464 and was declared Elected & sworn by the Clerk.

Overseer of the Poor for 3 years.

Henry L. Bannister had 460 and was declared Elected. Sworn by Clerk

D. B. Hubbard had 1 and E. C. Thurber 1 –

School Committee 3 years.

Edmund L. S. Osgood had 296 declared Elected & sworn by Clerk.

Daniel B. Hubbard " 164

Julia Putnam " 1

Trustee of Riverside Cemetery 5 years.
Joseph A. Dodge had 455, declared Elected

Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery 5 years.
J. H. Smith had 310 declared Elected.
E. C. Thurber " 153

Trustee of Fairview Cemetery 5 years.
Warren B. McLewell had 464 declared Elected.

Committee on Common 3 years.
D. W. Norcross had 454 declared Elected.
James Carney " 1

Town House Committee 3 years.
Horace S. Warren had 462 and was declared Elected
W. A. Keith " 1

Constables —

James Glennon had	462	Sworn by the Clerk	3/6
Amos G. Getchell "	455	" " " moderator	
Wm C. Fletcher "	437	" " " "	
James Carney "	409	" " " "	
Frank H. Prentice "	315		
Addington A. Smith "	314		
Clarence R. Pratt "	311		
A. B. Cleveland "	308		
Charles W. Farnum "	312	" " " Clerk	3/8
Edward Fowler "	309		
H. C. Greenwood "	316		
Lemuel Remond "	319		
W. A. Robinson "	149		
Walter S. Carpenter "	153		
John C. Ferguson "	150		
James N. Pratt "	152		
Richard Vaughn "	147		
Alfred A. Lowell "	149		
A. Broadish "	1		
Henry Brooks "	1		

and the first twelve were declared Elected.

Liquor License Question -

Whole number of votes	444
Yes	230
No.	214

Fence viewers -

Silas E. Stowe, Clarence H. Crocker and Perley Goddard were Elected Fence viewers -

Voted to take up art. 4.

Voted: (on motion of James Putnam) That the Selectmen nominate five Surveyors of Highways one for Grafton Centre, one for North Grafton, one for Saundersville, one for Farnumsville, and one for George Hill.

The following reports of town officers were accepted as printed viz:

Selectmen's Report
Treasurer's "
Collectors " with the following payments of taxes since printing the reports

Taxes of 1885	
Mrs. A. W. Kempton	11.48
J. S. Kempton	9.75
Taxes of 1886	
S. Delia Hall	45.50
Taxes of 1887	
Maurice E. Kelley	2.00
O. G. Davenport	2.65
J. S. Kempton	8.10
John Donahue	2.00
Emma F. O'Dell	11.34
Joseph T. Platt	9.45
Frank T. Johnson	2.00
Farnum Cotton Mfg. Co.	1,185.79

1,289.66

Overseers' of the Poor
Trustee of the Reserve Fund
Town Hall Committee
" Sinking Fund Commissioner
Chief Engineer of Fire Department

Report of Registrar of Births Marriages & deaths
" " Common Committee
" " Quartermaster of Post 24 G.A.R.
" " Trustees Pine Grove Cemetery
" " " Fairview "
" " " Riverside "
" " " Free Public Library
" " School Committee

Art. 5th taken up
Voted to raise Thirty Six thousand ($36.000-) dollars by taxation for the ensuing year

Voted to appropriate the following sums viz:

Reduction of the town debt	3.500 —
Interest on Town Debt	3.100 —
High School	1.600 -
Common Schools	7.000 -
Fuel & Janitor, all Schools	1.350 -
Books & Stationery " "	800 -
Repairs & Fixtures " "	300 -
Fire Department	850 -
Highways	3.000 -
Free Public Library (in addition to Dog Fund)	250 —
Support of Poor	5.000 -
Sinking Fund, Town House	1.360 -
Memorial Day	100
Common	50
Town Clerk's Salary	75 -
Town Treasurer's "	65 -
Library at North Grafton	50
" " Farnumville	25 -
" " Saundersville	25 —
Grafton Water Co. Hydrants	2500 —
Street Lights or Sidewalks, Center	100 —
" " North part of town	100 —
" " South " "	100 —
Town Officers (Except Clerk, Treasurer and School Committee)	1.600 —
School Committee	1.350 —
Town House running Expense & repairs	750

State Aid	150 -
Miscellaneous	450 -
Road damage Sargent Sherman Estate	100 -
Prosecution of Liquor Case	300 -
	36.000 -

Voted that two hundred fifty dollars ($250-) additional be appropriated for the Fire Department and that that sum be raised by taxation -

Article 6th taken up -
Voted that no discount be allowed for the prompt payment of taxes -

Voted that all taxes be payable on or before October 1st and that all taxes unpaid October 1st shall be subject to an addition of interest at the rate of Seven (7) per cent. per annum until paid -

Voted, that the Collection of taxes for the ensuing year be set up at auction -
The Collection of for the ensuing year was then put up at auction by the Moderator and was struck off to John B. White at One per cent (1%) this being the lowest bid -

Article 2nd was then taken up and a ballot was had for Collector and
John B. White was unanimously Elected

Article 7th was taken up
Voted, that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen

Article 8th was taken up
Voted: That the matter of the Compensation of the Firemen for the Ensuing year be left in the hands of the Selectmen and Engineers -

Article 9th

Voted: To add five names to the jury list in place of the five who have been drawn since printing the list submitted by the selectmen

The Jury List

as accepted by the town is as follows

(J. H. Thomas, Frank W. Chaffin, Franklin Worcester, Edward C. Thurber and A. M. Goulding, was added, Herbert F. Allen was excused and W. F. Worcester was substituted and Jos. L. Keith was excused and Charles L. Pratt was substituted)

Adams Joseph
Atell Cyrus R.
Banister Henry L.
Brown William H.
Brewer William C.
Brewer Thomas H.
Brooks Henry E.
Brown John H. (S.V.)
Bigelow Oscar F.
Batchelor Sanford L.
Bigelow Arthur M.
Batchelder Charles M.
Baldwin Franklin
Bigford George E.
Crocker Clarence H.
Crowe Patrick H.
Chaffin Frank W.
Dunn George M.
Davenport Seamus L.
Dearborn George H.
Dodge Joseph H.
Estabrook Edward H.
Fowler Augustus
Fuke David L.
Fay George H.
Fitzpatrick Edward
Fletcher William C.
Goddard Perley
Gleason James
Gitchell Amos G.
Goddard J. Augustus
Goulding A. M.
Worcester Wm. F.
Holbrook Elisha D.
Hall Henry
Howe Edwin A.
Keith Moses A.
Knowlton Samuel H.
Kempton Austin G.
Leland Levi N. Jr.
Long Richard
Lincoln Dwight E.
Leonard Charles L.
Lynch Thomas
Mann Henry
Manning Thomas J.
McClellan John E.
Newlin George R.
Paine Elias H.
Piper James
Pratt Charles L.
Pratt Clarence R.
Pennoch Samuel D.
Rice Ashley W.
Rugg Geo. H.
Stowe Silas E.
Stowe Lewis H.
Sweetser John H.
Sherry William
Thomas J. H.
Thurber Edward C.
Whitney John H.
Walter George W.
Wood C. Edward
Warren Horace S.
Webb Park H.
Worcester Franklin

Article 10 taken up

Voted that the High School be kept in the Center district during the ensuing year.

Art. 11. taken up

Voted: That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the next ensuing year and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes

Voted (unanimously): That the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money, to renew replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor and that the rate of interest shall not exceed four per cent.

Article 12 taken up

Voted (on motion of Rev. Mr. Sargent);

That the Selectmen be requested to enforce that provision of the Liquor Law which provides that no license shall be granted to any person who has been successfully prosecuted for illegal sales within the time prescribed by law

The house was divided and the vote was announced as follows:

Yes 127 - No 44

Voted (on motion of Rev. Mr. Sargent)

That the fee be the highest sum allowed by the law and that no license be granted for the sum of one dollar.

Article 13 taken up.

Voted: that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed Collector may use.

Article 15th taken up
Voted: To pass over this article -

Article 16th taken up
Voted: That the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor be a Committee to investigate the subject of procuring new heating apparatus for the Almshouse and that they report at the adjourned meeting and that further action be deferred until that time

Article 17th taken up
Voted: That the matter of flowage of a part of the town farm be left in the hands of the Selectmen and Overseers of the, for them to investigate and report at the adjourned meeting -

Article 18 taken up
Voted: That the portion of the town road running from Grafton Centre to Brigham Hill, where it runs through the Gould and gravel pit be lowered and straightened and that two hundred dollars be appropriated therefor to be raised by taxation, and that it be left in the hands of the Selectmen to be so lowered and straightened -

*200 - appropriated

Article 19 taken up
Voted: To defer action until the April meeting -

Article 20 taken up
Voted: To leave the matter of moving the Engine House at North Grafton in the hands of the Engineers and Selectmen to report upon at the April meeting -

Article 21st taken up
Voted: To pass over the article -

Article 22nd taken up
Voted: To pass over the article -

Voted: To adjourn until the first Monday in April at two o'clock P.M.

Attest
Alden A Howe
Town Clerk -

Grafton April 2. 1888
Adjourned town meeting assembled in the town hall pursuant to adjournment at two o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator -

On motion of Ashley W. Rice it was voted to dispense with the reading of the records -

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen announced a vacancy in the offices of assessor and collector, and trustee of Riverside Cemetery caused by the death of John B. White

A ballot was taken for assessor which was as follows viz:

Whole number of ballots cast	165
Perly Goddard had	3
Ashley W. Rice "	12
Clarence Sumner "	59
Arthur M. Bigelow "	91

Mr Bigelow was declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

Collector of Taxes
Art. 3 taken up
Voted to put up the collection of the taxes for the ensuing year at auction
They were put up by the moderator and bid off by Amos G. Getchell at 1/4 of one per cent

A ballot was then had for Collector which was as follows.

Whole number of ballots cast		18
Ashley W. Rice	had	3
Edwin A. Howe	"	7
Amos G. Getchell	"	8

Mr. Getchell was declared Elected.

A ballot was taken for trustee of Riverside Cemetery for unexpired term, until 1890.

Number of ballots cast 17
all of which were for George W. Fisher and he was declared Elected.

The following persons were Elected Field Drivers viz:

Park Webb
Frank E Vinton
Harry L Nichols
John E McClellan — sworn by Moderator
Fred. A Dodge — sworn a Clerk Apr. 16. '88
Wm F. Worcester

Highway Surveyors.

The report of Selectmen nominating highway surveyors was called for. They reported that they were not prepared to make any nominations

Voted That the Selectmen be Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year.

Voted; That the vote whereby we voted to Elect twelve Constables be reconsidered and that we have five instead

Art. 19 – Cemetery.

Voted: That we raise and appropriate Five Hundred dollars to be used by the Trustees of the Riverside Cemetery in grading and preparing the grounds of said Cemetery suitable for burial purposes

Art 5 taken up

1000 - appr

Voted: That the sum of One thousand dollars be raised and appropriated to cover the Cost of Snow bills, incurred during the month of March just past

Art. 16 taken up (Heating apparatus for Alms house)

Voted to pass over the article (See vote below)

Art. 17. taken up.

Mr. Samuel A. Knowlton reported in behalf of the Committee appointed at the March meeting to investigate the matter of the flowage of a part of the town farm by Finlayson Bonfield & Co. and made the following motion which was carried viz:

That the town give to Messrs. Finlayson Bonfield & Co. the right to flow a part of the town farm containing twelve acres and ninety nine rods according to plans on file in the town Clerk's office and at the town farm, for the sum of One hundred dollars

Article 20 taken up

The Committee was not ready to report.

Article 12. was taken up

Moved that the vote passed at the March meeting that "the fee for licenses be the highest sum allowed by the law and that no license be granted for the sum of one dollar" be reconsidered.

Voted: That the vote be by ballot and that the Check list be used

The ballot was as follows

Whole number	174
Yes	100
No	74 —

Art. 16. taken up

Voted: To raise and appropriate One thousand dollars to be put into the hands of the Selectmen and overseers to procure suitable heating apparatus for the Alms house and that they may decide whether it be steam or hot water

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Alden A Flower
Town Clerk

Grafton April 18. 1888

The following officers were appointed by the Selectmen

Police

Alexander Jefferson	Sworn 4/18	Handcuffs & Badge delivered
George M. Newton	Sworn	apr. 24/88
Dennis Minnehan	"	apr. 27/88
Wm P. Spencer	"	" 19/88
Addington A Smith	"	apr. 23. by O.M. Wing Justice of Peace
F. H. Prentice	"	" " " " " " "

Forest Fire Wards.

John E McClellan	Sworn Apr 24. 1888
S. H Knowlton	Sworn apr. 23 1888
David S. Bassett	
Eben E Flower	Sworn June 4. 1888
Henry Mann	
John Sewester	Sworn April 24/1888
Lyman M. Rice	Sworn " 25. 1888

April 25. 1888.

Lyman M. Rice sworn as measurer of wood,
Edward O. Lindley " " " " " & bark
and public Weigher by Luther K. Leland Justice of the Peace

April 23 1888

Elisha D. Holbrook sworn weigher & Surveyor
by Oliver M. Wing Justice of the Peace

Attest

Alden A. Flower
Town Clerk

June 2. 1888

Edwin A. Howe who was appointed by the Selectmen as Collector of Taxes for the years 1885 1886 and 1887 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of John D. White was sworn by the Clerk

Attest

Allen A. Howe
Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 4. 1888.

Worcester, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fourth day of June at 7-30 o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to finish widening the road between the Sutton line and Fishville and appropriate four hundred (400) dollars for the same.

Art. 3rd To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen laying out Leland Avenue in North Grafton, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 4th To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen laying out Ray Street, North Grafton and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 5th To see if the town will close the East end of the Boulevard or Depot Street in the Center of the town as petitioned for by H. S. Warren and others.

Art. 6th To see if the town will re-convey to Silas Dexter Certain rights conveyed by him to the Town by deed dated September 20th 1884.

Art. 7th To see if the town will vote to sell certain tract of woodland bequeathed to the Town by Mrs. Louisa A. R. Field.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fishville and Saundrs Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-Eight

E. A. Estabrook
C. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
Thomas Wilmarth
H. F. Allen
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, S.S. May 28. 1888
I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fishville, and Saundrs Village, on Monday the twenty eight day of May at 45 Past 4 P.M. Current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Mass, June 4, 1888
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall at 7.30 P.M today

Meeting called to order by the Town Clerk

Warrant read by the Clerk

The following Tellers were appointed and sworn by the Clerk viz

E. A. Estabrook Chas. H. Nelson
F. A. Estabrook H. F. Allen

A vote for moderator was taken which resulted in the unanimous Election of Lyman M. Rice who took the chair

Article 2nd was taken up

Voted on Motion of A. M. Bigelow that four hundred dollars ($400) be raised and appropriated to finish widening and straightening the road leading from Sutton line to the Church at Fishville said Money to be raised from Taxes of year 1889

$400.

Article 3rd taken up

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen laying out Leland Avenue and that two hundred (200) Dollars appropriated to build the street as laid out, to be raised in the Tax of 1889

$200.

Article 4th taken up

The Selectmen's report laying out Ray Street in North Grafton was read by the Clerk

Voted that the report be accepted and that the Selectmen be instructed to build the street at an Expense of $50 — to be raised in the Tax of 1889

50—

Article 5th was taken up

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to discontinue the East End of the Boulevard when in their judgment it is best to do so

Article 6th was taken up

Voted that the Treasurer of the town be authorized to re-convey to Silas Vinton certain rights conveyed by him to the town by deed dated September 29, 1884

Article 7th was taken up

Voted on motion of Mr. Fiske to pass over the article —

Voted to adjourn

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

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Grafton, Mass, July 17, 1888.
At a meeting of the Selectmen of Grafton held July 2nd 1888. John B. Scott was duly appointed Town Clerk pro tempore

A true record
Attest John B. Scott
Town Clerk pro tem

Worcester ss. July 13th 1888
This certifies that John B. Scott, having been appointed town clerk pro tem of Grafton, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, personally appeared before me and took oath to faithfully perform the duties of said office.

Henry T. Wing
Justice of the Peace

A true copy attest John B. Scott
Town Clerk pro tem

Worcester ss.

Personally appeared E. A. Howe before me and took oath faithfully to perform the duties of Collector of Taxes pro tem of the town of Grafton, Massachusetts.

A true Copy attest John B. Scott
Town Clerk pro tem

Town Meeting July 17, 1888.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the county of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the seventeenth day of July at 7.30 o'clock in the P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Art 2nd to see what action the Town will take in the matter of straightening the highway and building a new bridge over the Blackstone River at Fisherville and appropriate money therefor

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the post office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 9th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight

E. A. Estabrook
C. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
H. F. Allen
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. July 10, 1888

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village on Tuesday, the tenth day of July at 3 o'clock P.M. current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney Constable of Grafton

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the town hall at 7.30 P.M. July 17, 1888.
Meeting called to order by the town clerk pro tem.
Warrant read by the clerk.
E. A. Estabrook, N. F. Allen, C. H. Nelson, Geo. F. Estabrook, Thomas Wilmarth were appointed and sworn as tellers by the clerk.
The vote for moderator was taken and resulted as follows:

Whole number votes cast	22.
L. M. Rice	2
C. M. Bachellor	20

and C. M. Bachellor was declared elected and took the chair.

Art. 2nd was taken up.
Moved by A. M. Bigelow that an iron bridge be erected on the Blackstone River between Fisherville and Farnumsville in place of the present wooden bridge, the same to be ninety (90) ft. long and twenty ft. wide in the clear for teams with a sidewalk for pedestrians five (5) feet wide, and to be located according to the plan and survey of Wood and Rugg of Worcester, the work to be performed under the direction and superintendence of the selectmen
Moved by amendment that a ballot be taken and checklist used.
Amendment accepted by Mr. Bigelow, and the amended motion carried.
Moved by D. B. Hubbard to reconsider the preceding vote. Carried.
Mr. Bigelow then moved his original motion, which was carried.
Moved by A. M. Bigelow that three thousand dollars be appropriated to build an iron bridge over the Blackstone River between Fisherville and Farnumsville to be raised and assessed with the taxes of 1889 of the town of Grafton.

Amended by C. H. Nelson that the amount
3,500 — be Thirty four hundred dollars. Amendment
accepted, and amended motion carried.
Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest John B. Scott
Town Clerk pro tem.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Saturday the twenty second day of September at 7-30 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2nd To determine what course the town will pursue in relation to the proposed separation of grade over the Boston & Albany Railroad at North Grafton, as petitioned the County Commissioners by said Corporation

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of ~~the~~ said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting —

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-Eight

E. A. Estabrook
C. H. Nelson
H. F. Allen
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. September 15th 1888

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saunders Village on Saturday the fifteenth day of September 1888 current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

Grafton, Saturday Sept. 22. 1888

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall at 7-30 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant

E. A Estabrook, C H Nelson, G. F. Estabrook and H. F. Allen were appointed tellers and sworn by the Town Clerk

The vote for moderator was taken and resulted in the unanimous Election of C M. Batchelder

Art. 2 - After remarks by Mr. Nelson Explaining the proposed separation of grade at North Grafton Dekoh it was voted on motion of Geo. K. Nichols; That the Selectmen be instructed to oppose the Separation of grade of the Highway over the Boston & Albany Railroad at North Grafton at any Expense to the town, and that they be authorized to employ Council

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Alden A Gove
Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the First day of October at 7-30 o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the town will vote to build a bridge over the Quinsigamond River on the Road leading from Grafton Centre to Brigham Hill near the office of C. L. Pratt & Co. also a bridge over the waste water trench at a point near to and west of said river or act thereon.

Art. 3rd To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to the matter of repairing the fence at Pine Grove Cemetery

Art. 4th. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to convey certain rights in Real Estate, to Finlayson Bousfield & Co., as voted at the annual meeting of the town in 1888

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Eighty-Eight

E. A. Estabrook
C. A. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrooks
A. F. Allen

Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss, September 24th 1888

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunderstillage, on Monday the twenty fourth day of September at 4 o'clock P.M. current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carey
Constable of Grafton

Grafton, Monday October 1, 1888
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 7-30 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk.

Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

E A Estabrook, C H Nelson, Geo. F. Estabrook, Thomas Wilmarth and Herbert F. Allen were appointed tellers and sworn by the Clerk.

A ballot was taken for Moderator with the following result

Six ballots were cast all of which were for Chas. M. Batchelder, who was declared Elected and took the chair

Article 2nd was taken up

On motion of John A. Sweeter it was

Voted. That an iron bridge to be furnished by one of the following makers, to wit. the Boston Bridge Works, of Boston, Hawkins of Springfield, the makers of the King Bridge, so called, or the Boston Bridge Co. not less than thirty ~~feet~~ feet in length between the abutments, be erected across the Quinsigamond or Little Blackstone River, at Centreville on the road leading from Grafton Centre to Brigham Hill and that the sum of $700 — be appropriated therefor to be assessed with and paid out of the taxes of 1889, and that a sum not

$700.—

$500 — to exceed Five Hundred Dollars be added to re-lay the abutments.
Voted: That an iron bridge to be furnished by one of the following makers, to wit: — the Berlin Bridge Works of Berlin, Hawkins of Springfield, the makers of the King Bridge, so called, or the Berlin Bridge Co. not less than sixteen feet in length between the abutments be erected across the waste way at Centreville a few rods West of the
$300 — Quinsigamond or Little Blackstone River, and that the sum of Three Hundred Dollars be appropriated therefor to be assessed with and paid out of the taxes of 1889 —

Voted (on motion of D. B. Hubbard)
That Thomas Wilmarth George F. Estabrook and John A Severtsen be appointed a Committee, with full powers to carry out at once the previous votes of the town in regard to erecting the aforesaid bridges and that they are hereby authorized to contract for the erection of said bridges over the Quinsigamond River and waste way at Centreville

Art. 3rd
Voted (on motion of S. H. Knowlton)
That we appropriate $200 — to repair the
$200 — fence of Pine Grove Cemetery, and that said sum be raised and appropriated out of the taxes of 1889 and to be expended under the direction of the Trustees —

Art 4th. taken up
Voted, on motion of S. H. Knowlton that the Town Treasurer be authorized to convey to Finlayson Bonsfield & Co the right to flow a part of the town farm in accordance with the vote of the Town passed April 2nd 1888 at the adjourned annual meeting.
Voted to dissolve the meeting.
A true record. Attest
A. A. Clow
Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual Election, Tuesday November 6. 1888 –

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the twelfth Worcester Representative District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, and for a Register of Probate and Insolvency, and for a Register of Deeds, & for County Treasurer for the County of Worcester, and for a County Commissioner for said County to fill the vacancy in said office caused by the decease of James H. Barker, also for two Electors at large, and for one Elector for each of the twelve Electoral Districts of this Commonwealth, (being residents of their respective Districts) for President and Vice President of the United States

The votes for all of the above Officers will be received on one ballot, deposited in the ballot box with the face downwards, open and unfolded, or in a sealed Envelope, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the

officer voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 9-30 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock, P. M. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to bretheren, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight

E. A. Estabrook
C. A. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
Thos. Wilmarth
H. F. Allen
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. October 29. 1888

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Saturday the twenty seventh day of October 1888 warrant being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed,

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and return
Attest
Alden A. Lowe
Town Clerk.

Grafton, November 6. 1888

Pursuant to the foregoing ~~order~~ Warrant the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall today Tuesday November 6. 1887 at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Meeting was conducted by the Selectmen, the full board being present -

At 9 o'clock the meeting was called to order by E. A. Estabrook Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk on motion of H. C. Greenwood

Voted; that the Polls be closed at 4 o'clock P. M.

At 9-30 o'clock the Ballot Box was opened and shown publicly and Examined by the Selectmen and the Town Clerk and found to be Empty; the box was then closed and locked by the Town Clerk and the keys to the ballot box delivered by him to ~~James~~ the ~~Carney~~ Constable Wm C. Fletcher who had charge of the box

The Register on the ballot box stood 0000

At 12-30 P. M. (it being the unanimous judgement of the Selectmen and Town Clerk that it was advisable to do so) the ballot box was opened and the ballots were taken therefrom and counted -

The register at that time was Examined and found to be 457

The checks on the Voting list and the ballots were counted and found to be 457 in Each case. The box was then locked and the keys returned to the Constable in charge. (SEE margin this ~~opposite~~ page)

The polls were closed at 4 o'clock P. M. The Ballot Box Register was Examined by the Town Clerk and stood 671 -

The Ballot Box was unlocked and the ballots taken therefrom and counted in the view of the meeting and there were found to be 671 ballots in all which agreed with the ballot-box-register. The Checks

at 2-47 o'clock the ballot box was again opened for the purpose of counting the ballots; The register stood 662 - The ballots and checks on the voting list were also counted and were 662 -

on the voting list were counted aloud and found to agree with the ballots and the register, there being 671 check marks

The ballots for each office voted for were then canvassed and counted and declared as follows, viz;

For Electors for President and Vice President
At Large

George D. Robinson of Chicopee had four hundred twenty seven		427
William F. Draper of Hopedale had four hundred twenty seven		427
John Boyle O'Reilly of Boston " two hundred nineteen		219
George A. Stevens of Chicopee " two hundred nineteen		219
James H. Roberts, of Cambridge " twenty four		24
John Bleckmer of Springfield " twenty four		24
Blanks two		2
Total		1.342

First District –

John H. Reed of Barnstable had four hundred twenty six		426
Thomas C. Day " " " two hundred nineteen		219
John D. Flint of Fall River " twenty four		24
Blanks two		2
Total		671

Second District

George E. Freeman of Brockton had four hundred twenty six		426
Burrel Morse of Sharon had two hundred nineteen		219
William J. Smith, Taunton had twenty four		24
Blanks two		2
Total		671

Third District

Halley J. Boardman of Boston had four hundred twenty six		426
Nathan Matthews Jr. of Boston had two hundred nineteen		219
James M. Gray of Boston had twenty four		24
Blank ~~twenty four~~ two		2
Whole number		671

Fourth District

Elijah McClain Hatch of Boston had four hundred twenty six	426
Matthew Keany of Boston had two hundred nineteen	219
Israel S Tribflin of Boston had twenty four	24
Blanks two	2
Whole number	671

Fifth District

Henry J Wells of Cambridge had four hundred twenty six	426
Charles H Taylor of Boston had two hundred nineteen	219
Andrew Howes of Boston had twenty four	24
Blanks two	2
Whole number	671

Sixth District

Horatio Wellington of Boston had four hundred twenty six	426
Henry Bradlee of Medford had two hundred nineteen	219
George H. Harwood of Lynn had twenty four	24
Blanks two	2
Whole number	671

Seventh District

Francis Norwood of Beverly had four hundred twenty five	425
James F Dean of Salem had two hundred nineteen	219
Daniel W Friend of Manchester had twenty four	24
Blanks three	3
Whole number	671

Eighth District

Charles U. Bell of Lawrence had four hundred twenty six	426
John C Stinson of Lawrence had two hundred nineteen	219
Orson E. Mallory of Lowell had twenty four	24
Blanks two	2
Whole number	671

Ninth District

Charles L Tirrell of Natick had four hundred twenty six	426
William Aspinwall of Brookline " two hundred nineteen	219
Charles M. Bowers of Clinton " twenty four	24
Blanks two	2
Whole number	671

Tenth District

Frank P. Goulding of Worcester had	four hundred twenty six	426
Edward W. Lincoln of Worcester "	two hundred nineteen	219
Edward D. Conant of Worcester "	twenty four	24
Blank two		2
Whole number		671

Eleventh District

Chester C. Conant of Greenfield had	four hundred twenty six	426
Frederick S. Coolidge of Ashburnham "	two hundred nineteen	219
Julius H. Seely of Amherst "	twenty four	24
Blanks two		2
Whole number		671

Twelfth District

Elisha Morgan of Springfield had	four hundred twenty six	426
Walter Cutting of Pittsfield "	two hundred nineteen	219
Howard A. Gibbs of Lee "	twenty four	24
Blanks two		2
Whole number		671

For Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton had	four hundred twenty ~~three~~ eight	428
William E. Russell of Cambridge "	two hundred twenty "	220
William H. Earle of Worcester "	twenty five	25
Blanks three		3
Whole number		671

For Lieutenant Governor

John L. A. Brackett of Abington had	four hundred twenty nine	429
John W. Corcoran of Clinton "	two hundred seventeen	217
John Barnum of Williamstown "	twenty four	24
Blank one		1
Whole number		671

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Henry B. Peirce of Abington had	four hundred thirty	430
William M. Ogden of Boston "	two hundred sixteen	216
Henry C. Smith of Williamsburgh "	twenty four	24
Blank one		1
Whole number		671

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

George A. Marden of Lowell had four hundred thirty	430
Henry C. Thatcher of Yarmouth " two hundred sixteen	216
John M. Fisher " Attleboro " twenty four	24
Blank one	1
Whole number	671

For Auditor —

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had four hundred thirty	430
William A. Williams of Worcester " two hundred sixteen	216
Edmund M. Stowe of Hudson " twenty four	24
Blank one	1
Whole number	671

For Attorney General —

Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield Four hundred thirty	430
Samuel O. Lamb of Greenfield had two hundred sixteen	216
Allen Coffin of Nantucket " twenty four	24
Blank one	1
Whole number	671

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

Frederick W. Southwick had Four hundred thirty	430
John B. Ratigan of Worcester had two hundred sixteen	216
George F. Platt of Clinton " twenty four	24
Blank one	1
Whole number	671

For County Treasurer

Edward A. Brown of Worcester had Four hundred thirty	430
Levi Barker of Worcester " two hundred sixteen	216
Joseph D. Hunt of Milford " twenty four	24
Blank one	1
Whole number	671

For County Commissioner

Emerson Stone of Spencer had Four hundred thirty	430
Samuel R. Burton of Oxford " Two hundred sixteen	216
Charles H. Walker of Warren " Twenty Four	24
Blank one	1
Whole number	671

For County Commissioner to fill vacancy.

Henry G. Taft of Uxbridge had	Four hundred thirty	430
Stephen K. Edwards of Southbridge had	two hundred Sixteen	216
Joseph P. Eaton of Auburn "	twenty four	24
Blank one		1
Whole number		671

For Register of Deeds, Worcester District.

Harvey D. Wilder of Worcester had	Four hundred twenty nine	429
Joseph A. Titus of Worcester "	Two hundred Seventeen	217
Charles E. Burnham of Worcester "	Twenty four	24
Blank one		1
Whole number		671

For Register of Deeds, Fitchburg District

William W. Thresly of Gardner had	twenty four	24

For Representative to Congress 10th Congressional District.

Joseph A. Walker of Worcester	Three hundred thirty	330
Irving B. Tayler of Millbury had	Three hundred two	302
Charles G. Allen of Barre "	Twenty four	24
Blank fifteen		15
Whole number		671

For Councillor 7th District.

George W. Johnson of Brookfield had	Four hundred thirty	430
Ransom C. Taylor of Worcester "	Two hundred Sixteen	216
Charles M. Powers of Clinton "	Twenty four	24
Blank one		1
Whole number		671

For Senator 2nd Worcester District

Silas M. Whelock of Uxbridge had	Four hundred twenty six	426
Adrian Scott of Blackstone "	Two hundred nineteen	219
Pliny B. Southwick of Berlin "	Twenty five	25
Blank one		1
Whole number		671

For Representatives to General Court, 12th Worcester District

Alden M. Bigelow of Grafton had	Five hundred Eleven	511
Alfred J. Kirby of Grafton "	One hundred ninety six	196
Samuel Wheeler of Berlin "	Twenty five	25
Samuel Wood of Northborough "	Four hundred twenty three	423
Eli Warren Pierce of " "	Eighty nine	89
Charles L. Leonard of Grafton "	Sixty five	65
Blanks, thirty three		33
Whole number		1342

The returns were made out signed and sealed and the Check list and ballots sealed in separate envelopes as required by law and properly endorsed

The meeting adjourned at 5-50 o'clock P.M.

A true record
Attest
Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Statement of Votes for Representatives to General Court 12th Worcester District, Massachusetts.

Name of Candidates	Residence	Berlin	Grafton	Northborro	Southborro.	Shrewsbury.	West borro.	Total.
Alden M. Bigelow,	Grafton	152	511	197	203	185	408	1656
Samuel Wood	Northboro	152	423	200	201	200	485	1661
Alfred J. Kirby	Grafton	24	196	110	167	82	325	904
Eli Warren Pierce	Northboro	24	89	116	169	82	338	808
Samuel Wheeler	Berlin	17	25	12	4	16	70	144
Charles L. Leonard	Grafton	17	65	19	4	32	154	291
Edward Bassett	Southboro			1				1
Blanks			33					
		386	1342	645	748	597	1789	5498

The proper certificates were signed by the Town Clerks and forwarded as required.

The meeting of Town Clerks of the several towns in the 12th Worcester District was held at Westboro at 12 o'clock M. Nov. 16. 1888. The Cfs. of Selectmen of the several towns were opened and the result was as stated above

Attest Alden A. Howe
Town Clerks

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Seventeenth day of December at 2 o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the Town will accept a road as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at the fourth telegraph pole from the George Hill guide board on the Upton road and running Easterly to the Hayden Mills so called, a distance of 62 rods more or less, and appropriate money to build the same.

Art. 3rd. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars for the Construction of a sidewalk from Grafton Common to the track of the Grafton and Upton Railroad along the southern side of the New Upton road so called.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-Eight.

E. A. Estabrook
C. A. Nelson
Geo F. Estabrook
H. F. Allen

Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss December 10th 1888

I have served the foregoing Warrants by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville Village, on Saturday the Eighth day of December current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and return
Attest
Alden A Lowe, Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall Monday December 17. 1888 at two o'clock P.M.

They were called to order at 2-30 o'clock by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant and called for the Election of a moderator.

N. F. Allen, Geo F Estabrook and D. N. Gibbs were appointed by the Clerk to act as tellers and were sworn in —

The vote for moderator was taken with the following result

6 Ballots were cast all of which were for Chas M. Batchelder and he was declared Elected and took the chair

The moderator appointed N. F. Allen G. F Estabrook and D. N. Gibbs to act as tellers and they were sworn —

Article 2nd was taken up. Selectmen's Report read,
Voted to pass over the article

Article 3rd was taken up,
Voted that a sum not to exceed $100 be appropriated for the construction of a sidewalk six feet wide ~~from~~ inside

the southerly line of the New Upton road from the Common to the Grafton and Upton Railroad

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to build the sidewalk in accordance with the above vote.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Alden A Howes
Town Clerk.

January 7. 1889

Thomas Wilmarth this day appointed weigher by the Selectmen and sworn by the Town Clerk

Attest

Alden A Howes Town Clerk.

Annual Meeting 1889.
Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Monday, the fourth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1 To choose a moderator

Art. 2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3 To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4 To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Townways, and Bridges, the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art. 6 To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon.

Art. 7 To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art. 8 To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art. 9 To see if the Town will accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art. 10 To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art. 11 To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town.

Art. 12 To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question: "Shall license be granted for the Sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town.

Art. 13 To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector may use.

Art. 14 To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Art. 15 To see if the Town will fund its debt under the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Public Statutes

Art. 16 To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes in regard to building sewers, drains and sidewalks.

Art 17 To see what additional accommodations for Public School Children the town will provide at North Grafton.

Art. 18 To see if the Town will direct their School Committee to confer with the School Committees of adjoining towns, with respect to employing a District School Superintendent under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888 of the legislature, and to report at the adjourned meeting, or to see if the town will act, do or vote anything in relation to the subject mentioned in said Chapter.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to require the School Committee to annually appoint a Superintendent, who under the direction and control of said Committee, shall have the Care and Supervision of the public Schools of the town, or act thereon.

Art 20. To see if the town will accept the bequest of the late David E. Merriam or act thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sections 74, 75, 76, & 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in regard to choosing Road Commissioners

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fishersville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

E. A. Estabrook
C. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
Thomas Wilmarth
H. F. Allen

Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. February 23rd 1889

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fitchsville, and Saundersville on Saturday the twenty third day of February 1889 Current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true Copy of the warrant and return

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton, Monday March 4. 1889

Pursuant to the forgoing warrant the legal voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 9 o'clock AM. today and the following business was transacted.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the Warrant and appointed Messrs. E. A. Estabrook, C. H. Nelson, G. F. Estabrook Thomas Wilmarth & H. F. Allen to act as tellers and they were sworn by the Clerk.

A ballot for Moderator was then taken, (the check list being used), and was as follows

Whole number of ballots cast 18 — all of which were for Chas. M. Batchelder and he was declared Elected and took the Chair —

Prayer was offered by Rev. F. J. Bartlett

The Moderator appointed Edw. A. Estabrook C. H. Nelson, Geo F. Estabrook, Thos Wilmarth and H. F. Allen tellers of the meeting and administered the oath to them.

Voted; that the polls be closed at two o'clock P. M.

Voted; To take up article 12, and vote yes and No on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town" at the same time we vote for town officers —

Voted; That we proceed to vote on one ballot for the following town officers, viz:

One Town Clerk
Five Selectmen
One Treasurer
One Assessor of Taxes for 3 years
Three Auditors
One Overseer of the Poor for 3 years

One School Committee for 3 years
One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for 5 years
" " " " " " 2 "
One " " Pine Grove " " 5 "
One " " Fairview " " 5 "
One Committee on Common " 3 "
One Commissioner of Sinking Fund " 3 "
One Committee on Town House " 3 "
Four Constables —

William C. Fletcher was appointed by the Chair to take Charge of the ballot box and was sworn by the Clerk.

The ballot box was opened by the Clerk and exhibited to the meeting and after being locked was handed with the Keys to W. C. Fletcher the Constable in charge
The register on the ballot box was examined and showed 0000 —

At 2 o'clock P.M. the polls were closed,
The register on the ballot box showed 511
The "Yes" and "No" ballots were counted and found to be 512

The vote for Town Clerk was announced by the Moderator as follows
Alden A Howes had 541 and was declared Elected and sworn by the moderator

Selectmen

Lyman M. Rice	had	533	Sworn by the moderator
Charles Horatio Nelson	"	502	
Herbert F. Allen	"	536	
Ezekiel Fowler	"	539	Sworn by the Clerk Mch. 18. 1889.
Geo. Frank Estabrook	"	532	sworn by the moderator
Thomas E. Huckins	"	3	
Perley Goddard	"	1	

and the first five were declared Elected.

Treasurer

Henry F. Wing had 543 & was declared Elected — Sworn by Clerk

Assessor of Taxes 3 years
Jeremiah Robinson had 541 and was declared Elected.

Auditors -
Daniel N. Gibbs had 542
Watson E. Rice " 541
Andrews J. Hall " 544
} Sworn by the moderator.
and were declared Elected -

Overseers of the Poor,
Samuel H. Kenrolton had 539
and was declared Elected.

School Committee for 3 years.
D. W. Norcross had 525
John B. Scott " 1
F. M. McGavey " 1
and D. W. Norcross was declared Elected -

Trustees of Riverside Cemetery
James Gleason for 5 years had 544
D. W. Norcross " 2 " " 539
} declared Elected -

Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years
Franklin Baldwin had 541 and was declared Elected.

Trustee of Fairview Cemetery 5 years
Austin G. Kempton had 541 and was declared Elected,

Committee on Common 3 years.
Henry F. Wing had 543 and was declared Elected

Commissioner of Sinking Fund 3 years.
Horace S. Warren had 542 and was declared Elected,

Committee on Town House for 3 years.
Henry F. Wing had 544 and was declared Elected

Constables -
William C. Fletcher had 532, sworn by moderator
James Gleason " 538
James Carney " 528 sworn by moderator
Amos G. Getchell " 535 " " "
} declared Elected,
A. M. Gouldings " 1

Article 3rd was taken up.

The following reports were accepted as printed viz:
The Selectmen's Report
" Treasurer's "
" Town House Sinking Fund Commissioner's Report
" " " Committee's "
" Engineer's "
" Registrar's "
" Collector's Report with the following additions viz:
"The following persons have paid their taxes since the report was sent to the printer

James N. King	$6.00
Edward Welch	2.00
John Cronin	2.00
Chas. E. Jennings	25.85
Total	35.85

Balance uncollected $841.59 " also the Reports of
The Committee on the Common,
Quartermaster of A. B. R. Sprague Post G. A. R.
Trustees of No. Franklin Cemetery
" " Fairview "
" " Riverside "
Assessors' Report
Report of the Overseers of the Poor
" " " Rawson Fund
" " " Trustees of the Free Public Library
" " " School Committee

Article 4th was taken up
Voted on Motion of Henry Mann, To pass over the article for the present.

Article 5th was taken up
Voted on Motion of Mr. King, To pass over the article for the present and take up Article 15th

Article 15th was taken up
Voted, on Motion of Mr. King, That the Chair and the Selectmen appoint a Committee of three to take the matter of funding the town debt into consideration and report at the April meeting —

Henry F Weig, George H Nichols and Chas H Nelson were appointed as the above Committee -

On Motion of Arthur M Bigelow, Voted to take up Article 5th

The following appropriations were made, viz:

Interest on Town Debt	3.500 -
High School	1.700 -
Common Schools	7.500 -
Fuel + Janitors	1.400 -
Books + Stationery	1.000 -
Repairs + Fixtures	500 -
Fire Department	900 -
Highways (on motion of Arthur M Bigelow)	3.000 - and whatever liquor license money may be paid in after deducting the amount to be paid to the State -
Free Public Library (in addition to the Dog Fund)	250 -
Support of the Poor	5.000 -
Sinking Fund, Town House	1.360 -
Memorial Day	100 -
Common	50 -
Town Clerk's Salary	75 -
Town Treasurer's Salary	100 -
Library at North Grafton	25 -
" " Farnumsville	25
" " Samudsville	25.
Grafton Water Co., hydrants	2.500 -
Street Lights or Sidewalks, Centre	100 -
" " " North part of town	100 -
" " " South " "	100 -
Town Officers (except Clerk, treasurer, and School Committee)	1.800 -
School Committee	1.000 -
State Aid	150 -
Miscellaneous	600 -
Prosecution of Liquor Cases	300 -
Total	~~33.485~~ (33.185 -)

Vote on Liquor Question was as follows

Register on Ballot Box 511 Whole Number of ballots Cast 512

Yes	262
No.	250

Article 6th was taken up

Voted (on motion of Thomas Wilmarth) That no discount be made for prompt payment of taxes, that the Compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one per Cent.; that all poll taxes be payable ~~upon~~ on demand, ~~and~~ that all taxes be payable on or before Oct. 1, and that interest at the rate of Seven per cent. per annum, from Oct. 1. be charged together with all legal Costs of Collection.

Article 2nd was then taken and a ballot taken for Collector

Whole number of ballots Cast was 23 –

Edwin A. Howe had 22 and was Elected – sworn & clear

Article 7th was taken up.

Voted that the Compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year be the same as it was last year –

Article 8th was taken up

Voted that the Compensation of firemen be the same as last year. (last year it was left in hands of Selectmen and Engineers.)

Art. 9th was taken up

Voted to accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box

Jury List.

The following is the list of Jurors accepted by the town.

Adams, Joseph	Huckins, Francis E.
Axtell, Cyrus R.	Keith, Moses A.
Baldwin, Franklin	Kempton, Austin G.
Banister, Henry L.	Knowlton, Saml. H.
Bassett, David S.	Leland, Levi N. Jr.
Batchelder, Charles M.	Leonard, Charles L.
Bigelow, Arthur M.	Lincoln, Dwight E.
Brewer, Thomas H.	Long, Richard
Brewer, William C.	Longee, George I.
Brooks, George B.	Lynch, Thomas
Brooks, Henry E.	Mann, Henry

Brown, John A. (2d V)
Brown, William H.
Chaffin, Frank W.
Clark, Edward S.
Crocker, Clarence
Crowe, Patrick H.
Davis, Lorin S.
Davenport, Stearns L.
Dodge, Joseph A.
Denn, George M.
Fisher, Albert L.
Fiske, David L.
Fitzpatrick, Edward
Fletcher, Wm C.
Fowler, Augustus
Gannon, Michael
Getchell, Amos G.
Gleason, James
Goddard, J. Augustus
Goddard, Perley
Gouldling, Albert M.
Hall, Henry
Holbrook, Elisha D.
Holbrook, Frank
Howe, Edwin A.
Manning, Thomas J.
McAllan, John E.
McGarry, Frank M.
Nealon, George R.
Paine, Elias A.
Pennock, Samuel D.
Pratt, Charles L.
Pratt, Clarence R.
Prout, Michael H.
Rugg, George H.
Sargent, Lucius M.
Sargent, J. William
Sherry, William
Stowe, Lewis A.
Stowe, Silas E.
Swetzer, John A.
Thomas, James H.
Thurber, Edward C.
Waller, George W.
Warren, Frank H.
Webb, Park H.
Whiting, John A.
Wood, C. Edward
Worcester, Franklin
Worcester, William T.

Article 10th taken up
Voted that the High School be kept the ensuing year in the Center District

Article 11th taken up
Voted; That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the next ensuing year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from land taxes.

Voted (unanimously): That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to have money, to renew replace or pay any existing loans or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor and that the rate of interest shall not Exceed four per cent.

Article 13th taken up
Voted: That the Collector be authorized to use all means for Collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed Collector may use

Article 16th taken up
Voted on motion of Mr. Simmons;
That a Committee of three be appointed from the floor to take into consideration the advisability of adopting the provisions of Chap. 50 of the Public Statutes in regard to building Sewers drains and Sidewalks, and to report at the adjourned meeting.
S. E. Stowe, S. A. Knowlton and Geo. K. Nichols were appointed on this Committee

Article 17th taken up
Voted on motion of Mr. Osgood
That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to take into Consideration the matter of providing additional accommodations for the Public School Children at North Grafton and to report at the adjourned Meeting in April.
The Chair appointed Mr. Osgood Dr. Rice and Dr. Maxwell on this Committee

Article 18th taken up (District School Superintendent)
Voted to pass over this article.

Article 19th taken up (Superintendent of Schools)
Voted to to pass over this article —

Article 20th taken up
Voted to accept the bequest of the late David E. Merriam —

Article 21st taken up
Mr. Nichols moved that a Superintendent of Highways be appointed by the Selectmen in Conformity to the act now before the legislature
This Motion was lost Yes 94 No 117.

Voted: That we accept Sections 74, 75, 76, and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in regard to appointing Highway Commissioners

Voted: To take up article 2nd and proceed to choose three Highway Commissioners, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, to be voted for on separate ballots.

Lyman M. Rice was appointed teller by the chair and sworn –

Voted to choose a Highway Commissioner for the Centre District for three years
John E. McClellan had 1 vote
John A. Sweetser " 50
Francis Carroll " 105 – and was declared Elected – Sworn by Clerk Mch. 6. 1889

Voted to choose a Highway Commissioner for the South part of the town for two years.
Lewis H. Bigelow had 1 vote
Saml. D. Pennock " 1 "
Frank T. Johnson " 26 "
John A. Brown " 133. " and was declared Elected and sworn by the Clerk

Voted to choose a Highway Commissioner for 1 year
S H Knowlton had 34 votes
Saml. D. Pennock " 39 "
Lewis H. Bigelow " 68 " and was declared Elected – Sworn by the clerk Mch. 7. 1889.

Voted on motion of Henry Mann; That the compensation of the Highway Commissioners be 25 Cents an hour for every hour they work upon the highways -

Voted; To adjourn until Monday, April 1st at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest

Alden A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 4, 1889

The following persons have been appointed police officers, by the Selectmen,

Wm P. Spencer	Sworn by Clerk 3/5
Alexander Jefferson	" " " "
Geo. M. Newton	" " "
Frank H Prentice	
Addington A Smith	
Dennis Minnehan	Sworn by E. Fowler Justice of Peace

Grafton March 20. 1889

I have this day destroyed by burning, all ballots cast at the last National and State Election, the package being unopened

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Monday, April 1. 1889

The Adjourned Annual Meeting was held this day at two o'clock P.M.

The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator Mr. Chas. M. Batchelder.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records.

Article 2nd was taken up

Voted to appoint five field drivers.

The following named persons were appointed Field Drivers for the ensuing year, viz:

Perley Goddard, sworn by the moderator
William Hickey
F. M. Swallow
George A. Burroughs
Warren Bigelow

Voted, that we now appoint three fence viewers for the ensuing year.

The following named persons were appointed Fence Viewers viz:

D. W. Norcross
David L. Fike
Perley Goddard
} sworn by the Moderator.

Article 15 was taken up -

In behalf of the Committee which was appointed at the March Meeting to take the question of funding the Town Debt into Consideration, Mr. H. F. Wing read the following

Report

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

The Committee chosen at the Annual Town Meeting held March 4. 1889 to take into consideration the funding of the town debt have duly considered the subject and herewith submit their report

In their opinion of your Committee it is not advisable to fund the Town debt under the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Public Statutes - but would recommend that the Town petition the Legislature to

grant authority to the town to fund its indebtedness as follows -

Sect. 1st The town of Grafton is hereby authorized to issue its bonds, in sums of five hundred dollars each, to the amount of Seventy five thousand dollars for the purpose of funding its existing indebtedness -

Sec. 2. Said bonds shall be of the form known as Coupon bonds, shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum and shall be so issued that three of the said bonds shall mature and become payable in each year until all shall have matured and become payable -

Sec. 3. The town of Grafton shall annually raise by taxation an amount sufficient to pay the interest on such of said bonds as may at the time be outstanding, and until said bonds have all matured, shall also annually raise by taxation the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the payment of the bonds maturing and becoming payable during the current year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Henry F. Ewing
George K. Nichols } Committee
C. H. Nelson

Voted that the report be accepted -

Voted that the report be adopted -

Moved by Daniel B. Hubbard, That the Selectmen of Grafton be, and they are hereby authorized to represent the town before the Legislature of Massachusetts to procure the passage of an act in accordance with the foregoing report of the Committee appointed at the Annual March Meeting held March 4 1889, and accepted and adopted at an adjourned meeting April 1. 1889 in relation to funding the town debt.

An amendment was offered that the original Committee, be added to this Committee.
The amendment was carried and the original motion as amended was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Art. 16 was taken up
Mr. S. E. Stowe read the following report of the Committee on Sewers Drains and Sidewalks, viz;

Your Committee chosen at the last Annual March Meeting to report on Article 16, reports the following,
It seems advisable since water has been introduced that a system of sewerage must be adopted. Therefore we would recommend that Chapter 50 Public Statutes should be accepted and adopted in regard to building sewers drains and sidewalks, and would recommend that the Selectmen be authorized to cause a plan to be laid out in the Centre and villages wherever needed, and all work in the way of drainage be done under this system.
We find that many times our road commissioners cannot repair the roads properly past driveways and barways, and accepting this act will define the duties of road commissioners and abutters, and the same in regard to sidewalks
S. E. Stowe
Geo K Nichols
S H Knowlton

Voted to accept the above report
Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes in regard to Sewers Drains and Sidewalks.

Article 17, was taken up
Mr E. L. S. Osgood read the report of the Committee on additional school accommodation at North Grafton, as follows viz;

The Committee appointed to consider the matter of additional School accommodations at North Grafton report as follows:-

To begin with, we find the case to be an urgent one. The room asked for, to meet the needs of the Sub-Primary Department ought to be granted not only on the ground of Comfort and Convenience, but for the preservation of health itself.

Now, what is it best to do? As we try to answer this question, three different propositions naturally occur to us.

It is possible to erect a special building in the about the Boston and Albany Railroad Station; or to move the Waterville School house to some more Central point, and enlarge it; or to make an addition to the present school-building, which already accommodates four departments.

Neither the first or the second of these plans meets with our approval; nor, upon Consultation with many of the Citizens living in these districts, do we find that they receive any general endorsement.

All apparently agree with your Committee that the third course is, under the Circumstances, the wisest and most Economical, viz- to Enlarge the main or Grammar-School-building.

As soon as this decision was reached, we, at once Consulted the Worcester Architects, Fuller and Delano, who had originally drawn the plans for this building, - to see if such Enlargement were feasible. They assure us that it is.

In the rear of the present School-House there is an open space Extending back fifty feet to the boundary fence. A portion of this Can be used for an extension two stories in height, of the same general construction and appearance as the front or Tower Side, and containing two School-rooms of the same dimensions

as those now in use, - one above and one below. They also assure us that the present rooms will be helped, rather than injured, by the change; while the entries, which are now exceedingly narrow, will be much enlarged and improved.

The cost of such enlargement they estimate at:- $3000, - this sum to include furniture & all other expenses.

We have consulted a carpenter & builder, whose estimate would be $500 - less or $2500 - in place of $3000 -

You will notice that two rooms are herein provided for instead of the one room which, at present, is all that is absolutely needed.

But the reason for this is plain. It would be impossible to add a single room to such a building, without violating every rule of symmetry and good taste. Again, the cost of an addition of two rooms is very much less proportionately than that of an addition of one; - since in either case, the same foundation and roof must be provided for. While in conclusion, we would say, that owing to the rapid growth of the population at North Grafton the second room will be needed for teacher and pupils, within three or four years at the most. Therefore should it authorize this addition, the town would be having a wise regard for the future, as well as the present.

We would accordingly recommend that the sum of $2500 - be appropriated by the town for providing an addition to the North Grafton Grammar School House.

$2500 - appropriate
see next page

Respectfully submitted
E. L. S. Osgood
W. E. Rice
W. B. Maxwell

Voted that the report be accepted and adopted and that the same Committee be a Committee to carry out the recommendations -

Article 5th was taken up

Voted that the sum of $2500- be appropriated by the town for building an addition to the North Grafton School House.

500-) Voted that this sum of $2500- be assessed and paid out of the taxes of 1890.

Voted to reconsider the vote passed March 4. last whereby it was voted to appropriate $3000- and whatever liquor license money may be paid in after deducting the amount to be paid to the State, for the care of the highways and bridges -

Voted, that Three thousand dollars ($3000) together with one-half of all the money received for liquor licenses, be appropriated for the care of the highways.

Voted that we appropriate One thousand ($1000) dollars of the money received for liquor licenses, for the pay of Police Officers -

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in May at two o'clock P. M.

A true record
Attest
Alden A Clowe
Town Clerk -

Worcester SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the twenty second day of April 1889 at nine o'clock in the A. M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, by ballot, for or against the following Article of Amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

The manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors to be used as a beverage are prohibited.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes on the above question at 9-30 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock, P. M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to our selves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Eighth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-nine.

Ezekiel Fowler
C. H. Nelson
N. F. Allen
Geo. F. Estabrook
Lyman M. Rice

} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. Grafton April 11. 1889

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunderville on Monday the Eighth day of April 1889 Current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton –

A true Copy of the warrant and return
Attest
Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton, April 22. 1889 –

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town assembled in the Town Hall on Monday April 22. 1889 at 9 o'clock AM.

The meeting was called to order by E. Fowler Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

The warrant was read by the Town Clerk

Voted to close the polls at three o'clock P.M.

The Yes and No ballots were placed in the hands of the distributors appointed by the Town Clerk namely;

For the "Yes" votes Chas. L. Leonard
" " "No" " James F. Conley

The Inspectors appointed by the Selectmen viz:
Joseph A. Dodge Yes and
Arthur M. Bigelow No came forward and were sworn by the Chairman.

The Clerk appointed Chas. L. Leonard to distribute the Yes ballots and James F. Conley to distribute the No ballots.

The polls were open at 9 – 30 o'clock A.M.

The Ballot box was examined and exposed to public view and the register stood 0000

The polls were closed at 3 o'clock P.M.

The register on the ballot box stood 444

The Checks on the voting lists were counted aloud and there were 444.

The ballots were then taken from the box and counted aloud one by one and there were found to be four hundred forty-four (444).

The ballots were then sorted and the the "Yes" and "No" votes were each counted and found to be as follows

"Yes" One hundred ninety-two (192)
"No" Two hundred fifty-two (252)

The ballots and the voting list were sealed up by the selectmen and the certificate of the result of the ballots was signed by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and the meeting was dissolved.

The certificate was transmitted by first mail to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston Mass.

Attest

Allen A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Worcester, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Sixth day of May at 1-30 o'clock in the P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To see what action the Town will take with reference to funding its debt under the authority granted by the Legislature in Chapter 271 of the Acts of 1889.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in

North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fishville and Saunderville Village, seven days at least befor the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Eighty nine.

Ezekiel Fowler
C. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
H. F. Allen
Lyman M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton April 27th 1889.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fishville, and Saundersville on Saturday the twenty seventh day of April 1889 current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy of the Warrant and return
Attest

Alden A Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton, May 6. 1889.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the legal voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 1-30 o'clock P.M. today. The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Clerk

Messrs. H. F. Allen, Geo F. Estabrook and L M Rice appointed tellers and sworn, Chas. M. Batchelder was elected moderator.

On Motion of Geo. H. Nichols it unanimously voted.

First, That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and directed to prepare and issue bonds of the town, in sums of five hundred dollars each, to the amount of seventy five thousand dollars for the purpose of funding the existing indebtedness of the town including outstanding town house and other bonds –

Second. – That said bonds shall be of the form known as Coupon bonds, shall bear interest at the rate of four per Cent. per annum and shall be so issued that three of the said bonds shall mature and become payable in each year until all shall have matured and become payable

Third. – That the town shall annually raise by taxation an amount sufficient to pay the interest on such of said bonds as may at the time be outstanding – and until said bonds have all matured shall also annually raise by taxation the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the payment of the bonds maturing and becoming payable during the then current year –

Fourth. – That the said bonds shall be drafted in such form and shall contain such words and phrases as shall be deemed proper and necessary by said Selectmen and shall be signed by said Selectmen on behalf of the town

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine.

AN ACT

to authorize the Town of Grafton to issue Bonds to fund its existing Indebtedness.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

SECTION 1. The town of Grafton is hereby authorized to issue its bonds in sums of five hundred dollars each to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars for the purpose of funding its existing indebtedness including outstanding townhouse and other bonds.

SECTION 2. Said bonds shall be of the form known as coupon bonds, shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, and shall be so issued that three of the said bonds shall mature and become payable in each year until all shall have matured and become payable.

SECTION 3. The town of Grafton shall annually raise by taxation an amount sufficient to pay the interest on such of said bonds as may at the time be outstanding; and until said

bonds have all matured, shall also annually raise by taxation the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the payment of the bonds maturing and becoming payable during the then current year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives. April 18 1889.

Passed to be enacted. William E. Barrett Speaker.

In Senate. April 18 1889.

Passed to be enacted. Harris C. Hartwell President.

April 18 1889.

Approved. Oliver Ames.

Secretary's Department.

Boston, April 23, 1889.

A true copy.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

Isaac N. Edgett,

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

shall be sealed with the town seal and countersigned by the town treasurer

Fifth. – That the said bonds shall be issued as soon as may be practicable, shall bear such date as shall be determined on by said Selectmen and shall be sold in such manner and at such time or times and to such person or persons and upon such terms as shall be deemed proper by said Selectmen provided however that no bond shall be sold at less than its par value.

Sixth. – That said Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to do any and all things that may be or become necessary and proper in the course of issuing said bonds and funding the indebtedness of the town in accordance with the plan herein set forth, (a copy of the act of the legislature is attached to this record.)

A true record –
Attest

A. Howe Town Clerk.

Grafton, May 6. 1889 –

The adjourned Annual Meeting was held at two o'clock P.M. today –
Chas. M. Batchelder in the Chair.
Art. 5th was taken up –

Voted, – on motion of Solon F. Smith, That the
$200 – sum of two hundred (200) dollars in addition to the sum already appropriated be appropriated for the Fire Department

Voted, – on motion of A. G. Tetrault, that we reconsider the vote to appropriate One thousand (1000 –) dollars of the money received from Liquor Licenses, for the pay of Police Officers –

The house was divided and vote stood
17 yes 16 no –

1000 – Voted, – on motion of Mr. Wing, To appropriate one thousand (1000) dollars to pay a

town bond becoming due -
Voted to dissolve this meeting
A true record
Attest
A. A. Howe Town Clerk.

April 22, 1889
The following officers have been appointed by the Selectmen

Engineers -
E. Fowler D. S. Barrett, H. E. Brooks, A. Elliot
S. F. Smith and Alden M. Bigelow

- Forest Fire Wards -

J. E. McCellan	Sworn by clerk
S. H. Knowlton	" " "
D. S. Barrett	
S. E. Howe	Sworn by clerk 9/24
Henry Munn	
John A. Sweetser	Sworn by clerk
L. M. Rice	" " "
A. G. Fitchell	Sworn by clerk.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
S. E. Leland Sworn by Clerk.

Weighers -

L. K. Leland		Geo. K. Nichols	declined
H. L. Nichols	declined	F. A. Dodge	Sworn 5/11
L. M. Rice		J. E. McCellan	Sworn
E. Fowler	Sworn	Pliny W. Emerson	Sworn

June 11. 1889
B. F. Gibson, Henry Miles and Geo J. Longer were appointed Special Police and sworn by the town Clerk

Attest
A. A. Howe Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday the fifteenth day of August 1889 at 2-30 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit,

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting,

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will make an additional appropriation to complete changes in School house at North Grafton.

Art. 3rd To consider the best methods of heating said North Grafton School-house and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 4th To see if the town will make an appropriation of money for additions and alterations to the Keith Hill School house or act thereon.

Art. 5th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty dollars to complete a sidewalk partly made on the North side of the Upton road from A. J. Kirly's line to A. J. Hall's Store,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and eighty nine

Ezekiel Fowler
C. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
H. F. Allen
Lyman M. Rice

} Selectmen of Grafton.

...rcester ss. Grafton August Eighth 1889
...ave served the foregoing Warrant by posting
...ed copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton,
...Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and
...ders Village on Thursday the eight day
...gust, at 11 o 25 o'clock A.M. current
...g seven days at least before the time of
...ig said meeting, as therein directed
James Carney Constable of Grafton

Grafton August 15. 1889

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town assembled in the Town Hall on Thursday Aug. 15. 1889 at 2-30 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and appointed the following tellers viz:

Messrs. Ezekiel Fowler, H. F. Allen, and Lyman M. Rice and they were sworn by the clerk.

A ballot was had for moderator, - the check list being used, - which resulted in the unanimous choice of Chas. M. Batchelder,

Art. 2nd was taken up.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Osgood, That the Town raise and appropriate out of the taxes of 1890, the sum of $450 - to complete changes in the North Grafton School house, & to furnish the same,

$450 -

Art. 3rd taken up.

Dr. Rice of the Committee in charge of the additions & alterations to the North Grafton School house made a report and gave estimates of the cost of heating by steam and hot water, and jacketed stoves.

Voted, That the matter be left in the hands of the Building Committee to heat with a 'Jacketed Stove' until such time as the law compels the town to make changes and that the sum of $100 - be raised and appropriated from the tax of 1890.

$100 -

Art 4th taken up.

Voted, That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $400 - for necessary alterations of and additions to the School house at Keith Hill, this sum to be taken from the taxes of 1890

$400 -

Art. 5th taken up -

Voted to raise and appropriate $40 - for sidewalk on N. side of Upton road to A. J. Hall's store, and to put it into the hands of the Road Commissioner to build said walk -

$40 -

Voted to adjourn.

A true record attest

Allen A. Howe,

Town Clerk,

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in said Grafton, on Thursday, the 24th day of October at 2-30 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st To Choose a moderator to preside in said meeting—

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Eight hundred dollars for the care of the highways for the remainder of the current year; namely $400- for the Centre District $300- for the South District and $100- for the North District.

Art. 3rd To see if the town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for special repairs to the Alms House.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-nine

Ezekiel Fowler
Geo. F. Estabrook
H. F. Allen
Lyman M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. Grafton October 16th 1889

I have served the forgoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Wednesday the tenth day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney, Constable of Grafton

Grafton, Mass. Oct. 24. 1889

Meeting called to order by the Town Clerk.
The warrant was read by " "
The Clerk appointed Mess. E. Fowler, C. H. Nelson,
H. F. Allen and L. M. Rice to act as tellers, who were sworn.

Art. 1st A ballot was taken for Moderator.
Seven ballots were cast all of which were for Charles M. Batchelder and he was declared Elected, and he took the chair.

Art. 2nd

On motion of J. A. Brown it was voted that Eight hundred
(*800-) dollars be appropriated for highways as called for in this article.

Art. 3rd.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton amended by Mr. Nichols, it was voted
(*200-) that we appropriate two hundred dollars for special repairs to the Alms house.

Dr. W. E. Rice asked for the sense of the meeting in regard to the best method of heating the addition to the North Grafton School house and it was voted that the building Committee have authority to provide such heating apparatus as they consider suitable for heating this addition for the coming winter

Voted to dissolve the meeting.
A true record
Attest
Alden A. Howes
Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the Twelfth Worcester Representative District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for two Special Commissioners for said County, for Commissioners of Insolvency, for a Sheriff of said County, and for District Attorney for the Middle District.

The votes for all the above Officers will be received on one ballot, deposited in the ballot box folded, Each vote to specify the officer voted for.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 9-30 o'clock, A.M., and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock P.M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return

of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands, this twenty fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

Ezekiel Fowler
C. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
H. F. Allen
L. M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss. Grafton October 26th 1889

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Saturday the twenty-sixth day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the Warrant and return
Attest
Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Oct. 11. 1889

John Gates was appointed Special Police Officer by the selectmen and took oath before L. K. Leland J. P.

Grafton, November 5. 1889

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town met in the town hall today, Tuesday November 5. 1889 at nine o'clock A.M.

A package of ballots said to contain sixteen hundred ballots, received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was delivered to E. Fowler Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, previous to opening the polls, and his receipt was taken therefor.

The sample ballots and instruction Cards were posted in the voting shelves and around the room as required by law

The meeting was conducted by the Selectmen, the full board being present.

The Chairman of the board called the meeting to order and the warrant was read by the town Clerk.

On Motion of Mr. Allen M. Bigelow it was
Voted That the polls be closed at 3 o'clock

The ballot box was opened by the town Clerk and shown publicly and examined and found to be Empty; the box was then closed and locked and the Keys given to W. C. Fletcher the Constable in charge of the box

The register on the ballot box was examined and stood at 0000

Joseph A. Dodge & ~~J. E. Carney~~ Michael H. Prout who were appointed Inspectors and John E. McClellan and J. E. Carney Deputy Inspectors were sworn by the Town Clerk

John E. McClellan & J. E. Carney were appointed tellers and sworn by the Town Clerk.

The ballot box was opened when the register stood at 200 and the ballots were counted and the checks on the check list, and were found correct
The ballots were again removed from the box and counted when 400 had been registered and were found correct

The polls were closed at 3 o'clock P.M.
The Register on the Ballot Box was examined by the Town Clerk and it stood at 450.
The ballots were removed and counted aloud and the number was found to be 450.

The check marks on the voting lists were counted and found to be 450.

The votes for each candidate were canvassed and counted and declared as follows viz:

For Governor.

John Blackmer, of Springfield had forty three	43
John L. A. Brackett, of Arlington " two hundred thirty eight	238
William E. Russell " Cambridge " One hundred fifty five	155
Blank fourteen	14

For Lieutenant-Governor.

John W. Corcoran, of Clinton had One hundred forty nine	149
William H. Haile " Springfield " two hundred thirty nine	239
Benjamin F. Sturtevant, of Boston " forty two	42
Blanks twenty	20

For Secretary.

George D. Crittenden, of Buckland had thirty seven	37
William N. Osgood " Boston " One hundred forty three	143
Henry B. Pierce, of Abington " two hundred forty six	246
Blanks twenty four	24

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

George A. Marden, of Lowell had two hundred forty six	246
Edwin L. Munn " Holyoke " One hundred forty one	141
Frederick L. Wing " Ashburnham " thirty seven	37
Blanks twenty six	26

Auditor.

William H. Gleason, of Boston had thirty nine	39
Charles R. Ladd of Springfield " two hundred forty Eight	248
William D. T. Trefry of Marblehead had One hundred thirty Seven	137
Blanks twenty six	26

Attorney-General.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket had thirty Eight	38
Elisha B. Maynard of Springfield " One hundred thirty nine	139
Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield " two hundred forty Seven	247
Blanks twenty six	26

Councillor - Seventh District.

William Abbott, of Douglas had two hundred forty six	246
Charles M. Bowers of Clinton " thirty Eight	38
Charles Grimblecom of Barre " One hundred thirty six	136
Blanks, thirty	30

District Attorney - Middle District.

Francis A. Gaskill, of Worcester had two hundred fifty seven	257
John S. Scammell of Milford " thirty one	31
Joseph A. Titus, of Worcester " One hundred thirty Eight	138
Blanks twenty four	24

Sheriff -

Samuel D. Nye, of Worcester had One hundred fifty one	151
Augustus B. R. Sprague of " " two hundred forty seven	247
Emerson H. Stoddard of Brookfield " thirty one	31
Blanks twenty one	21

County Commissioner.

Joseph D. Hunt of Milford had thirty four	34
George G. Parker " " " One hundred forty one	141
Charles J. Rice of Winchendon " two hundred forty three	243
Blanks thirty two	32

Special Commissioners.

George W. Cook, of Barre	had two hundred thirty five	235
Howard M. Lane of Leominster	" two hundred twenty eight	238
Charles L. Leonard of Grafton	" fifty three	53
Gilbert E. Manley " Spencer	" thirty five	35
Daniel McCormick of Worcester	" One hundred twenty four	124
Frank D. Tomlinson of Warren	" One hundred sixteen	116
Blanks	One hundred nine	109
		900

Commissioners of Insolvency.

Andrew J. Bartholomew, of Southbridge	had two hundred thirty three	233
Malcom D. Fairbank, of Northbridge	" forty three	43
Louis E. Denfield " Westborough	" two hundred twenty seven	227
Rufus B. Dodge Jr. " Worcester	" two hundred twenty eight	228
Jeremiah Fink of Clinton	" thirty two	32
William Holden of Worcester	" thirty five	35
Benjamin B. Nourse " Westborough	" One hundred fourteen	114
John B. Scott of Grafton	" two hundred twenty six	226
John W. Sheehan of Millbury	" One hundred Eleven	111
Herbert M. Small " Templeton	" thirty one	31
John E. Sullivan " Worcester	" One hundred fourteen	114
Webster Thayer " "	" One hundred seventeen	117
Blanks	two hundred Eighty Nine	289
		1800

Senator - Second Worcester District -

Lucius Field of Clinton	had two hundred forty seven	247
Thomas McCoory, of Blackstone	had One hundred twenty seven	127
George F. Pratt " Berlin	" forty three	43
Blanks	thirty three	33

Representatives in General Court, Twelfth Worc. Dist.

John N. Fairbanks of Westborough	had two hundred forty	240
John E. Henry " "	" sixty one	61
Andrew J. Kirby " Grafton	" One hundred four	104
Alfred J. Kirby " "	" four	4
Lyman Morse " Berlin	" two hundred twenty five	225
Thomas H. Reilly " Westborough	" One hundred nineteen	119
Henry B. Southwick, of Berlin	" thirty Eight	38
Benjamin Seburn " Grafton	" one	1
Blanks	one hundred eight	108
		900

The returns were made out and signed, and the check list and ballots were sealed in separate envelopes, the duplicate check list and the unused and cancelled ballots were sealed by the Inspectors and delivered to the Town Clerk after being properly indorsed as required by law.

At 6-20 o'clock P.M. the meeting was dissolved.

A true record.

Attest

Alden A. Howes

Town Clerk.

A meeting of the Town Clerks of the 12th Worcester Representative District was held Nov. 15th, 1889 at Westboro for the purpose of canvassing the vote for Representatives to the General Court.

The Certificates of the Selectmen of the several towns were opened and it was found that Messrs. John W. Fairbanks of Westboro and Lyman Moore of Berlin were Elected and the proper Certificates were signed.

Statement of Votes

	Bolton	Grafton	Northboro	Southboro	Shrewsbury	Westboro	Total
John W. Fairbanks, of Westboro	95	240	124	127	95	370	1051
John E. Henry " "	16	61	27	18	38	177	337
Andrew J. Kirby " Grafton	16	104	47	115	39	166	487
Lyman Moore " Berlin	106	225	127	105	96	294	953
Thomas H. Reilly " Westboro	16	119	51	114	38	205	543
Pliny B. Southwick " Berlin	16	38	18	13	28	81	194
Alfred J. Kirby " Grafton		4					4
Benjamin F. Gibson " "		1					1
Graham H. Newton " Shrewsbury				1			1
Adam F. Brown " Westboro						1	1
Blanks.	29	108	38	46	47	172	440
	294	900	432	538	382	466	

We the Town Clerks of the several towns of the 12th Rep. Dist. of Wor. Co. Certify that the above is a true statement of the returns of votes cast on the 5th day of November 1889 for Representatives to the General Court, made to us by the Selectmen of the towns in said District.

F. H. Crossman T. C. of Berlin
Alden A. Howes " " Grafton
Henry A. McMaster " " Southboro
Geo. E. Stone " " Shrewsbury
F. H. Bullard " " Westboro

A true copy attest A. A. Howes Town Clerk.

Westborough, Mass. Nov. 15. 1889.

Annual Meeting March 3. 1890 -

Town Warrant.

Worcester, Ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the third day of March next at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting -

Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3rd To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways, and Bridges, the ensuing year.

Art. 5th To raise such sums of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon -

Art. 6th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such period of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the Compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art. 7th To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon

Art. 8th To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing and act thereon -

Art. 9th To see if the Town will accept of the list of Name prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art. 10th To determine where within the town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art. 11th To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town.

Art. 12th To vote yes or no on the question, Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town.

Art. 13th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for Collecting the Taxes, which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector, may use.

Art. 14th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon.

Art. 15th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Two Thousand Dollars to buy a Steam Pumper & Equipments

Art. 16th To see if the Town will accept the provisions of the Chap. 264 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1886 relating to precinct voting in towns.

Art. 17th To see if the Town will vote to build a hearse-house in Fair View Cemetery and appropriate Three Hundred and Fifty dollars therefor.

Art. 18th To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to drain, straighten and otherwise improve the road from the Corner by R. S. Hood's over Keith Hill to the Farmingville Road, or act thereon.

Art. 19th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate One thousand dollars to be divided equally between the North, the Centre and the South part of the Town to be used in laying

Concrete Sidewalks, or act thereon.

Art. 20th To see if the Town will accept the street known as Nelson Avenue, already laid out and built in North Grafton, leading from the Shrewsbury Road, Westerly, by residence of Oliver Wing to land of Gilman P. Jenny

Art. 21st To see what action the Town will take on the notice received from the State with regard to improving the ventilation of our School Buildings.

Art. 22nd To see what course the Town will take to dispose of the water from North Street and the East side of the Common, now entering the land of H. S. Warren.

Art. 23rd To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to pay the Town bonds coming due and the interest on the same, at the Provident Institution for Savings, in the City of Boston.

Art. 24th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for a Hydrant Service at Fisherville, or act thereon —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Center of said Town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred Ninety.

E. Fowler
C. H. Nelson
Geo. F. Estabrook
Lyman M. Rice
H. F. Allen
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Feby. 25. 1890 Have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Saturday the twenty second day of February current being seven days at least before time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

Jas. Carey - Constable of Grafton

Annual Meeting March 3. 1890.

Grafton Mass, March 3. 1890.

Pursuant to the forgoing warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall at 9 o'clock A.M. today and the following business was transacted

The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant for the meeting and called for a vote for moderator

The Clerk appointed Messrs. E. Fowler C. H. Nelson, Geo F. Estabrook, Lyman M. Rice and H. F. Allen tellers to receive and count the ballots for moderator, and the oath was administered by the Clerk.

Mr. C. M. Batchelder stated that as there was a question as to the legality of his holding the office of moderator of the town meeting (he being a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters) he would withdraw as a candidate for that office.

Thirteen ballots were cast for moderator all of which were for Lyman M. Rice and he was declared elected & took the Chair

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Studley

The Town Clerk appointed E. L. Thurber and James Conley to distribute the Yes ballots and E. L. Leonard and C. R. Axtell to distribute the No ballots.

On Motion of H. C. Greenwood it was voted to take up article 2nd of the Warrant and proceed to vote on one ballot for the following town Officers viz;
One Town Clerk, Five Selectmen, One Town Treasurer
Three Auditors, One Assessor for three years,
One Overseer of the Poor for three years,
One Committee on Town Hall for three years
One School Committee for three years
One Road Commissioner for three years.
One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years
One Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery " " "
One " " Fair View " " " "
" Committee on Common for three years.

Nine Constables & One Tax Collector

Voted on Motion of C. M. Batchelder that we take up article 12. and vote Yes and No on the Liquor question at the same time we vote for town officers

On Motion of Ashley W. Rice Art. 6 was taken up Voted to fix the Compensation of the Tax Collector at one per Cent.

On motion of C. M. Batchelder it was voted to close the polls at 3 o'clock P.M.

The moderator appointed E. Fowler, C. H. Nelson, Geo. F. Estabrook & N. F. Allen as tellers and they were sworn.

The moderator appointed Wm C. Fletcher Constable to have charge of the ballot box for the Yes and No votes on the liquor question and he was sworn —

The ballot box was examined by the Selectmen & Town Clerk and exhibited to the voters present it was then locked by the Clerk and the Keys were given to the constable in charge.
The Register on the ballot box stood 0000 at the opening of the polls.

Balloting began at 9-30 A.M. & Closed at 3 P.M.

The register on the ballot box stood 567 at the close of the polls —
The ballots were counted and it was found that five hundred and sixty nine (569) ballots had been cast
Yes. One hundred ninety three — 193
No Three hundred Seventy six — 376
The Moderator declared the vote for town Clerk whole number of ballots Five hundred seventy three (573)
Alden A Howe had Five hundred seventy two (572) and was declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

The Town Clerk then declared the vote for town offices as follows, to wit;

For Selectmen –

Ezekiel Fowler had Five hundred Sixty Eight 568
Herbert F. Allen " Five hundred Seventy 570
Francis E. Huckins " Five hundred Sixty 560
Perley Goddard " Five hundred Seventy three 573
Lyman M. Rice " Three hundred ninety four 394
Clarence Sumner " One hundred Seventy nine 179
and the first five were declared elected – Sworn by Clerk.

For Treasurer –

Henry F. Wing had Five hundred Seventy three (573
& was declared Elected – Sworn by Clerk –

For Auditors –

Watson E. Rice had one hundred Sixty six 166
Daniel N. Gibbs " One hundred Sixty six 166
Andrew J. Hall " One hundred Sixty six 166.
& were declared Elected

For Assessor – for 3 years
Luther K. Leland had Five hundred Seventy three 573
& was declared Elected – Sworn by Moderator –

For Overseer of the Poor. (For 3 years.)
Silas Vinton had Five hundred Seventy three 573
& was declared Elected – Sworn by Clerk

For Committee on Town Hall (For 3 years.)
Herbert F. Allen had five hundred Seventy three 573
& was declared Elected –

For School Committee – (For 3 years)
Warren B. Maxwell had five hundred Sixty Eight 568
& was declared Elected –

For Road Commissioner (For 3 years)
Lewis H. Bigelow had five hundred Seventy one 571

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery. (for 5 years)
Henry Hall had One hundred Sixty two 162
Geo W. Fisher " Four hundred eight 408
& Geo. W. Fisher was declared elected.

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery (for 5 years)
Luther S. Leland had five hundred Seventy two 572
& was declared Elected -

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery (For 5 years)
Albert L. Fisher had five hundred Seventy 570 -
& was declared Elected.

For Committee on Common (For three years)
Silas Vinton had five hundred Seventy three 573
& was declared Elected.

For Constables -
James Carney had five hundred Sixty Seven 567 Sworn
James Gleason " five hundred Sixty Nine 569 Sworn
A. G. Getchell " five hundred Sixty Seven 567 Sworn
George M. Newton " One hundred Sixty Nine 169
Charles W. Farnum " One hundred Sixty Nine 169 S
Dennis Minnehan " five hundred Seventy 570
Thomas Sullivan " One hundred Seventy four 174 Sworn
William C. Fletcher " Three hundred Eighty 380 Sworn
Charles W. Wilder " Four hundred five 405
Lucian B. Drury " Four hundred Nine 409 Sworn on f
Stephen Denning " Four hundred five 405 Sworn
and Messrs. Carney, Gleason, Getchell, Minnehan, Sullivan, Fletcher, Wilder, Drury & Denning were declared Elected.

For Tax Collector.
Edwin A. Howe had five hundred Sixty three 563 -
& was declared Elected -

The following named persons were appointed Field Drivers for the ensuing year viz:
C. A. Lussier M.D., Smith Tifft, Thomas Lynch sworn
& Walter E. Smith & W. E. Smith was sworn by the moderator.

The following named persons were appointed

Fence Viewers viz:
Perley Goddard, David L. Fiske & D. W. Norcross
& they were sworn by the clerk -
Art. 3d was taken up, and the following
Reports were accepted as printed - viz:
The Selectmens Report. & E. Fowler the
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen moved the following
Resolutions;
which were unanimously adopted - to wit:

Whereas Edward S. Usher has rendered the Town valuable services in drafting the bill for funding the town debt in April 1889, in presenting the same to the Legislature of Massachusetts & other services to the Selectmen
Resolved; That the Citizens of Grafton in Annual Town Meeting assembled do tender him a vote of thanks for such services -

Town Treasurer's Report, Town House Sinking Fund Commissioners' Report accepted and Committee discharged - Town House Committee's Report, Registrar's Report - Collector's Report, with the following additions viz: Everett E. Gurney, Frank W. Hill and Jeremiah O'Brien have each paid a poll tax since report was printed. Assessors Report, Engineer's Report, also Reports of Committee of Common Building Committee of North Grafton School House, Treasurer of North Grafton Cemetery, Treasurer of Fairview Cemetery, Trustees of Riverside Cemetery, Quartermaster of A.B.R. Sprague Post 24 G.A.R., Road Commissioners', & Overseers of the Poor.
On Motion of Rev. L. M. Sargent it was voted
That the Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor be requested to put into his reports an item stating the net cost of support of the poor and that all other Committees or boards do the same when it can be done -
The Reports of the Rawson Fund, the Trustees of the Free Public Library and the School Committee were also accepted as printed -

Art. 4th was taken up
Voted to pass over the article -

Art. 5th was taken up -
Voted to raise and appropriate for the year 1890 the following sums as recommended by the Selectmen to wit;

Interest on the Town Debt	3000 -
High School	1800 -
Common Schools	7500 -
Fuel and Janitors	1400 -
Books & Stationery	1.000 -
Repairs & Fixtures	1000 -
Fire Department	1.100 -
Highways	3.000 -
Free Public Library (in addition to Dog Fund)	150 -
Support of the Poor	6385 -
Memorial Day	100 -
Common	50 -
Town Clerk's Salary	75 -
Town Treasurer Salary	100
Library at North Grafton	50 -
" " Farnumsville	25 -
" " Saundersville	25 -
Grafton Water Co. Hydrants	2500 -
Street Lights & Sidewalks, Centre	100 -
do North part town	100
do South " "	100 -
Town Officers, except Clerk, treasurer and School Committee	2300 -
School Committee	1000 -
State Aid	200 -
Miscellaneous	640 -
Prosecution of Liquor Cases	300 -
Total	34.000 -

Art. 6th was taken up -
Voted, That no discount be made for the prompt payment of taxes, that the Compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent., that all Poll Taxes be payable on demand, that all taxes be payable on or before October 1 - and

that interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, from Oct. 1. be charged together with all legal costs for Collection -

Art. 7th was taken up
Voted That the Compensation of Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, be the same as it was last year -

Art. 8th was taken up -
Voted, That the Compensation of the Firemen for the ensuing year be the same as it was last year -

Art. 9th was taken up.
Voted To accept the list of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box
C. H. Elliot and Horace Mann requested to be excused and it was voted to take their names from the list and the name of L M Sargent was added

Jury List -
The following is the list of Jurors accepted by the town - viz:

Aldrich, Cyrus R.
Baldwin, Franklin
Banister, Henry L.
Bassett, David S.
Batchelder, Charles M.
Bigelow, Arthur M.
Brewer, Thomas H.
Brewer, William C.
Brooks, George B.
Brooks, Henry E.
Brown, John A. (Saundersville)
Brown, William H.
Chase, Daniel S.
Clark, Edward S.
Crocker, Clarence H.
Crowe, Patrick H.
Davis, Lorin S.
Davenport, Stearns L.
Dodge, Frederick A.
Dunn, George M.
Kempton, Austin G.
Knowlton, Samuel H.
Knowlton, Albert B.
Knight, Willard F.
Leland, Henry R.
Leland, Levi M. Jr.
Leonard, Charles L.
Lincoln, Dwight E.
Long, Richard
Longee, George F.
Lynch, Thomas
Manning, Thomas J.
McClellan, John E.
Newton, George R.
Nichols, Harrington L.
Paine, Elias A.
Pennock, Samuel D.
Prout, Michael H.
Rugg, George H.
Rice, Lyman M -

(over)

Fisher Albert L.
Fiske David L.
Fitzpatrick, Edward
Fletcher, William C.
Fowler, Augustus
Gannon, Michael
Getchell, Amos G.
Goddard, Perley
Goulding, Albert M.
Greenwood, H. Curtis
Hall, Henry
Holbrook, Elisha D.
Holbrook, Frank A.
Huckins, Francis E.
Keith, Moses A.
Sargent, J. William
Sargent, Lucius M.
Sherry, William
Stowe, Lewis A.
Stowe, Silas E.
Sweetser, John A.
Sinclair, E. Herbert
Thomas, James H.
Thurber, Edward C.
Vinton, Frank E.
Walter, George W.
Warren, Frank H.
Webb, Park H.
Whitney, John A.
Wood, L. Edward
Worcester, Franklin.

Art. 10th was taken up
Voted, that the High School be kept the ensuing year in the Centre of the Town -

Art. 11th was taken up.
Voted:
That the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Art. 13th was taken up.
Voted:
That the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the taxes which a town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

Art. 14th was taken up & as an appropriation of $300 - as recommended by the Selectmen had already been made the article was passed over at this time.

Art. 15th was taken up
Voted: That the matter be placed in the hands of the Road Commissioners and Selectmen to ascertain the cost &c. and report at the adjourned meeting -

Art. 16th was taken up (as to precinct voting in towns)
Voted: To pass over the article -

Art. 17th was taken up -
Voted:
To appropriate three hundred and fifty
$350 - dollars to build a hearse house in Pine Grove Cemetery

Art. 18th was taken up and after remarks by S.H. Knowlton David L. Fiske & others
Voted: To pass over the article. (See reconsideration of Vote)

Art. 19th was taken up. Remarks were made in support of the article by Dr. W. E. Rice, Geo. K. Nichols & S. E. Stowe
Voted:
That we raise and appropriate One thousand
$1,000 - dollars to be divided equally between the North, the Centre, and the South part of the Town, to be used in laying Concrete Sidewalks, and that, if any part of the town prefer to use gravel, they may do so -

On motion of Dr. W. E. Rice
Voted:
That Albert L. Fisher, Joseph A. Dodge and Chas. H. Nelson be a committee to expend the money for the purpose named in the preceding vote -

Art. 5th was taken up,
On motion of S. E. Stowe -
Voted:
$300 - That we raise three hundred dollars by taxation to be placed in the hands of a committee to be used in beautifying the town by mowing brush, &c. and clearing up the sides of highways of the town -
Voted:
That the said committee consist of three persons, one for each Road District -
S. E. Stowe for the Centre District, Saml. D. Pennock for the North District & John A. Brown for the South District, were appointed as this committee -

Art. 20 - was taken up.
Voted:
To accept the Street known as Nelson Avenue, already laid out and built in North Grafton, leading from the Shrewsbury Road Westerly by residence of Oliver King to land of Gilman L. Young -

Art. 21. was taken up
On motion of Dr. W. E. Rice
Voted:
That the matter of ventilation of School Buildings be left in the hands of the School Committee and Selectmen as a joint Committee -

Art. 22 - was taken up, (Drainage of North St. & E. Side Common)
Voted:
That the matter be placed in the hands of the Road Commissioners and Selectmen to employ an Engineer and report plans and Estimate of cost at the adjourned meeting -

Art. 23d was taken up
Voted:
That the Town Treasurer be authorized to pay the Town Bonds coming due and the interest on the same at the Provident Institution for Savings in the City of Boston.

Art. 24th was taken up
On motion of Geo. H. Nichols
Voted:
To pass over the article -

On motion of D. L. Forke
Voted:
To reconsider the vote to pass over article 18 -
Voted:
That the same Committee that had the matter of the purchase of a Stone Crusher in charge, take into consideration the best method of repairing the

Keith Hill Road

Voted:

To adjourn to the first Monday in April at 2 o'clock P.M.

A true record

Attest

Allen A. Howe, Clerk.

Grafton, Mass. April 7. 1890.

Pursuant to adjournment the voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 2 o'clock P.M. today.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records.

Art. 15 of the Warrant was taken up

Mr. A. F. Allen in behalf of the Committee reported that they considered it inexpedient for the town to purchase a stone Crusher this year.

The report was accepted.

Art. 18. was taken up

Mr. Allen reported in behalf of the Committee on the improvement of the Keith Hill Road and Moved that the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars $150 - be appropriated for the purpose of draining, straightening and otherwise improving the road from the Corner by R. L. Hood's over Keith Hill to Farnumsville

On motion of David L. Fiske the motion was amended by substituting Five hundred ($500) Dollars for One hundred & fifty (150) dollars

$500 -

The motion as amended was carried & $500 - was appropriated for the aforesaid purpose.

Voted that John E. Whitney, John F. Keith & Jonathan Chapin be a Committee to spend the money in accordance with the above vote

Voted, that the above Committee do the work under the direction of the Road Commissioners.

Art. 16. was taken up

A motion was made that we accept the provisions of Chapter 264 of the acts of 1886, in relation to precinct voting & the motion was lost

A motion to reconsider was also lost.

Art. 22. was taken up.

Mr. Allen reported for the Committee on Drainage and asked for more time and to report at an adjourned meeting. The request was granted.

Art. 2nd

Voted, that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint all the remaining Town Officers.

Voted, to instruct the Assessors to have the town valuation list printed this year.

Voted to adjourn to the third Monday in May at 2 o'Clock P.M.

Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk.

— Warrant —

Worcester, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the seventh day of April at 2-30 o'Clock, P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To see if the town will raise and appropriate $100 to repair the private way from South St. to the residence of W. B. Maxwell

Art. 3rd To see if the town will appoint an agent to defend a suit brought against the

town by William H Sennott, or any other suits that may be brought against the Town during the current year.

Art. 4th To see if the Town will abate the uncollected taxes for the years 1883, 1884, 1885 and 1886.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of the Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and ninety.

H F. Allen
Francis E. Hutchins
Perley Goddard
L. M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. March 31st 1890

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Monday the thirty first day of March at 13 minutes past 11 a. m. current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

Grafton, Monday April 7. 1890

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the qualified voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall today at 2-30 o'clock P.M.

The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant appointed Messrs. H. F. Allen Lyman M. Rice, Roby Goddard & Francis Huckins tellers, administered the oath to them and called for a ballot for Moderator.

Lyman M. Rice was unanimously elected moderator of the Meeting

Art. 2nd was taken up

$100 — Voted to appropriate $100 — to repair the Private Way from South Street to the residence of W. D. Maxwell and that said sum be expended by the Road Commissioners —

Art. 3rd was taken up

Voted that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be the Agent of the Town to defend a suit brought against the town by William H. Sennott, or any other suits that may be brought against the town during the current year.

Art. 4th was taken up

Voted to pass over this article —

Voted to adjourn to the third Monday in May at 2-30 o'clock

Attest

A. A. Howes

Town Clerk.

Mch. 10-1890.

The following were appointed by the Selectmen as Special Police & Sworn by the Town Clerk viz:

George M. Newton — Chas. W. Farnum

Alexander Jefferson — Wm. P. Spencer

Samuel O. Daniels — sworn Mch. 15 —

Mch. 19-1890

Dr. W. D. Maxwell took oath as School Committee —

Grafton, April 1890

The following appointments have been made by the Selectmen, to wit:

Sextons to act under Chap. 395 of the Acts of 1889 -

James Keenan — sworn
A. G. Getchell — sworn

Fire Wards -

John E. McClellan — sworn by Clerk
Sam'l H. Knowlton — " " "
Lyman M. Rice — " " "
Amos G. Getchell — " " "
D. S. Barnett
S. E. Stowe
J. A. Sweetser — sworn by Clerk
Henry Miles

Weighers &c.

L. K. Leland
E. D. Holbrook (oath on file)
L. M. Rice
E. O. Lindley — sworn oath on file
F. A. Dodge
E. Fowler
John E. McClellan

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Sam'l E. Leland — sworn by Clerk

Keeper of Lockup & Pound

James Carney

Special Police Officer

Albert Bradish — sworn by Clerk

Engineers -

Ezekiel Fowler
H. E. Brooks
Allen M. Bigelow
D. S. Barnett
S. F. Smith
Geo. A. Stickney
Albert V. French

Warrant for Meeting May 19. 1890

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the nineteenth day of May at 2 - 40 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles to wit;

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chap. 264 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1886 relating to precinct voting in towns,

Art. 3rd To see if the Town will accept the improvements made by Franklin Baldwin and others on vacant lot in front of Quinsigamond Hotel in North Grafton and raise and appropriate fifty dollars to fence the same

Art. 4th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars to straighten and widen the road in front of residence of Park H. Webb.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fitchville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety

Ezekiel Fowler
F. E. Huckins
Perley Goddard
H. F. Allen
L. M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. May 12. 1890 –

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Monday the 12th day of May at 20 m. of 10 AM. Current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy of Warrant and return
Attest
Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town assembled in the town hall at 20 o'clock and 40 M. P.M. May 19. 1890. and the following business was transacted to wit:

The Town Clerk appointed Messrs. Fowler, Allen & Huckins tellers and swore them.

A ballot was had for Moderator

Ten (10) ballots were cast all of which were for Lyman M. Rice and he was declared elected and he took the chair.

Art. 2 – was taken up

Voted; To accept the provisions of Chap. 264 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1886 relating to precinct voting in towns.

Art. 3d was taken up

Voted; To accept the improvements made by Franklin Baldwin and others on vacant lot in front of Quinsigamond Hotel in North Grafton and to raise and appropriate fifty dollars to fence the same, and that the money be put in the hands of the Selectmen to be expended for that purpose.

"50–

Art. 4th was taken up and remarks were made by Highway Commission, Brown

Voted; That the town raise and appropriate One hundred & fifty (150) dollars, to straighten and
$150 — widen the road in front of residence of Park St. Webb

Voted to dissolve the meeting,

Attest

Helen A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton, Monday May 19. 1890 2 o'clock P.M.

Adjourned Annual Meeting —

Pursuant to adjournment, the Annual Meeting, which adjourned to the first Monday in April, and again adjourned to this date, was called to order by Lyman M. Rice Chairman at two o'clock P.M.

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the records.

Art. 22. in relation to drainage was taken up.

Voted; That the matter be left in the hands of the Same Committee to report at some future meeting —

Art. 18th was taken up and a motion was made to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting, which motion was lost by a vote of 13 to 17 —

Art. 4th was called up and remarks were made by Mr. Nichols

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Helen A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton, Monday May 19. 1890. 2-30 PM.

— Adjourned April (7) Meeting —

Pursuant to adjournment, the Meeting of Apr. 7. 1890. was called to order by the Chairman L. M. Rice at 2-30 PM.

Art. 4th taken up

Voted to abate the following taxes viz-

For the year 1883 D. W. Waterman Collector

Allard Joseph	2.00	Hall E. C.	2.00
Aldrich W. L.	2.00	Hragan Mrs. Abby	2.06
Bonn James E.	2.00	Hitchings Edward	2.00
Burnett Geo. W.	2.00	Harper Joseph	2.00
Barker Joseph	8.99	Howe Isaac T.	2.00
Brown Wm. H.	32.36 assessed twice	Houghton, Chas. H.	2.00
Brown James	2.00	Hunt Walter	2.00
Blanny Charles	2.00	Harvey Chas. H.	2.00
Bennett Peter Son	2.00	Johnson Henry G.	2.00
Boudiette Peter	2.00	Kerr John C.	4.40
Chickering Waldo G.	2.00	King Peter	2.00
Carroll Frank	4.53	Light Edward	2.00
Cook Edwin W.	2.00	Labrel Alfred	2.00
Claflin Chas. W.	4.06	Leslie Joseph	2.00
Crocker John	2.00	Middleton George	2.00
Cole E Warren	2.00	McHenry Daniel	2.00
Carrigan George	2.00	Marshall Rev. Sr.	2.00
Cammeron Wm W.	11.59	Miles James	15.77
Cammeron Jas V.	2.00	Maynard Moses	2.00
Duffee John J.	2.00	Mann Henry	2.00
Davis Henry W.	2.00	Mann Manual	2.00
Degan Cornelius	2.00	Moore George	2.00
Dunn Edwin M.	2.00	Nichols Henry H.	2.27
Dupry Joseph	2.00	Nichols Hartly D.	2.00
Devlin Patrick	2.00	Nichols Frank C. County Tax Paid	1.00
Dumore Peter	2.00	Nichols John F.	2.00
Dupry Paul	2.00	Nelson Walter	2.00
Dudley Frank C.	2.00	Newton Fred. A.	2.00
Emery Wm A.	2.00	Noe Peter	2.00
Elliott Aaron	2.00	Nourse Calvin D.	3.03
Goodrich Frank J.	2.00	O'Neil James	2.00
Gay Benj. O.	2.00	Pine Joseph	2.00
Goodnow Alex.	2.00	Prentice Henry County Tax Paid	1.00
Goodnow Levi	2.00	Roods Rufus A.	2.00
Goodnow John	2.00	Remnick Danl.	2.00
Gendron Clem	2.00	Robbins G. W.	2.00

Randall Warren	2.00	Wood, Wm C.	2.00
Rivers Charles	2.00	Woodcock Geo. J.	2.00
Robbins Harrison	2.00	Webber Michael	2.00
Roberts Henry	2.00	Walker Randolph	2.00
Sheridan Thomas	2.00	Webber William	2.00
Savage Leon (Said as Lewis)	2.00	Watson James	2.00
Snow Charles	2.00	Webber Nicholas	2.00
Spencer Wm S.	6.80	Webber George	2.00
Stoddard James	2.00	Webber John	2.00
Sheehan Thomas	2.00	Woodward N.B.	2.00
Sennott D.W.	2.00	Woodward N.B. Jr.	2.00
Stratton Chas. H.	2.00	Young Jas. W. Jr.	2.00
Smith Elmer E.	2.00	Young James	2.00
Town James F.G.	2.00		
Townsend William	2.00		

— Non-Residents —

Cooper Jno. C.	3.43	Mason Warren S.	.34
Kelly Patrick	1.10	Plato B.H.	8.22

— Subsequently Assessed —

Austin, Gilbert 2.00

Total - - - - - - $286.95

For the year 1884 M. A Keith Collector

Austin, Gilbert	2.00	Harper Michael	2.00
Bulger Mrs. Mary	2.24	Harding John	2.00
Barney Chas. H.	2.00	Johnson Frank T.	2.00
Brown James	2.00	Johnston Wm 2nd	2.00
Ballard Andrew	2.00	Loynde Wm	2.00
Burns Edward A.	2.00	Lherault Louis	2.00
Buxton Julius A.	2.00	Lherault Frank	2.00
Brady Thomas	2.00	Lacross Louis	2.00
Cree Duncan	2.00	Labree Frank	2.00
Capistraw Napoleon	2.00	Labree Louis	2.20
Dunn Edwin M.	2.00	Labree Alfred	2.00
Dunnore Peter	2.00	Leonard Thomas	2.00
Devlin Patrick	2.00	McLeod Daniel	2.00
Duprey Paul	2.00	Moran Robert	2.00
Duprey George	2.00	Maynard Moses	2.00
De Orsey Felix	2.00	McHenry Daniel	2.00
Gardner John H.	2.00	Mason Edward	2.00
Gallagher John	2.00	Nichols C. Frank	2.00

Nichols Henry H.	2.00	Small Thomas Jr.	2.00
Nason Benjamin	2.00	Stoddard James	2.00
Nowers Calvin D.	2.59	St. Andrews Jerry	2.00
Nason James	2.00	Trotter Joseph	2.00
Norton John	2.00	Tafo Geo H.	2.00
Nichols John	2.00	Taylor Wm	2.00
Pratt Richard K.	2.00	Taylor James	2.00
Prentice Charles B.	2.00	Tebo Jack	2.00
Peckham Harvey	2.00	Webber William	2.00
Perry Seville	2.00	Webber Nicholas	2.00
Russell Eugene H.	2.00	Young James Jr.	2.00
Roods Rufus A.	2.00	Young Daniel	2.00
Redpath Robert	2.00	Non-Residents	
Robinson Henry F.	2.00	Bartlett Solomon, Shrewsbury	~~2.44~~
Rivers Charles	2.00	Kelley Patrick, Northbridge	1.18
Sheridan Thomas	2.00	Mann Warren S. Attleboro	.44
Smith Elmer	2.00	Parker Henry L. Worcester	.44
Spencer Wm P.	7.15	Mann Charles	2.00
Shea Daniel	2.00	Newton Frank F.	2.00
		Total	$146.68

For 1885. John D. White Collector.

Abbott John W.	2.00	Kempton John S.	4.14
Bonchier Alphonse	2.00	Knowlton Geo. W.	17.30
Brow James	2.00	Linie Frank	3.22
Baker Joseph	8.43	Lunday Joseph	2.00
Boyden Marshall W.	2.00	Langevin Joseph	2.00
Balcom Lazmore	2.00	McHenry Joseph	2.53
Clelland Edward	2.00	McHenry Daniel	2.00
Cronin William	2.00	McHenry Jeremiah	10.04
Coggswell Geo. A.	2.00	Martin Samuel	2.00
Doyle Wm	2.00	Macintosh Alex.	2.00
Doyle John	2.00	Martin Joseph	2.00
Dupree George	2.00	Martin Edward	2.00
Davis Henry W.	2.00	Morning Mathew	2.00
Drolin Patrick	2.00	Morine Robert	2.00
Fleming Daniel	2.00	Moore George	2.00
Gardner John H.	2.00	Marshall Theophilus	2.00
Gibson Alexander	2.00	Nichols Geo. W.	2.00
Gallagher Michael	2.00	Newton Frank F.	2.00
Gould Samuel H.	2.00	Nero John	2.00
Harper Michael	2.00	Nichols Henry H.	2.00

Platt James	2.00	Barclet	Solomon	
Peckham Lewis S.	2.00		Shrewsbury	.38
Rhodes Rufus	2.00	Kelly	Patrick	
Rand J. T.	2.00		Northbridge	1.22
Sherrillan Thomas	2.00	Parker	Henry L.	.38
Spencer William S.	5.45	Hitchings	Edward	2.00
Smith Henry W.	2.00			
Taylor William G.	2.00			
Webber George	2.00	Total	$145.09	
Webber Nicholas	2.00			
Webber William	2.00			
Young Thomas	2.00			

— Taxes for year 1886 — John D. White Collector.

Austin Gilbert	2.00	Fay Otis C.	2.85
Abbott John W.	2.00	Flemming John	2.00
Aldrich Joseph	2.00	Gardner John A.	2.00
Allard Joseph	2.00	Green Lewis	2.00
Aldrich Fred.	2.00	Gray Lorin	2.00
Aldrich Joseph Jr.	2.00	Green Alexander	2.00
Barrett Patrick	2.00	Harper Joseph	2.09
Bourcier Jos. W.	2.00	Hill Frank W	2.39
Baker Joseph	2.45	Hagar Edwin W.	2.00
Bulger Mrs. Lucy	1.95	Harding Lazy	2.00
Burns William	2.00	Hagar Edwin W. Jr.	2.00
Brunell Peter	2.00	Hobart Abby	7.41
Balcom Carmen	2.00	Jackson Chas. D.	2.00
Boynton Nathan	2.26	Johnson Wm. A.	2.00
Baxter George	2.00	Kempton John S.	3.43
Cole Joshua E.	2.00	Kratz Antonio	2.00
Caton John Jr.	2.00	Lynn Michael	2.00
Colbert Morris	2.00	Lacher R. F.	7.21
Cause Joseph	2.00	Legasey Joseph	2.00
Coggswell Geo. A.	2.00	Laundry Joseph	2.00
Caplin Calvin	2.00	Laundry George	2.00
Condrion Edward	2.00	Lucia Alex	2.00
Cisco Lewis	2.00	Lepsin Wm	2.00
Cisco Lemuel	2.00	McHenry Charles	2.00
Davenport Oliver G.	2.65	Menard Peter	2.00
Duffie John	2.00	McHenry Daniel	2.00
Dubrey George	2.00	Mackintosh Alex.	2.00
Fanning James W.	2.00	Marvin Robert	2.00

Minor Geo. B.	2.00	Sheehan Thomas	2.00
Marshall Duffe	2.00	Smith James	2.00
Moore George	2.00	Stoddard James V.	2.00
McHenry Jerry	7.66	Sprague Geo. D.	2.00
Moran Michael	2.00	Vondell Nelson	2.00
Martin Joseph	2.00	Willis Frank E.	2.00
Newton F. F.	2.00	Webber William	2.00
Patterson Daniel	2.00	Webber Nicholas	2.00
Pluff Peter	2.00	Webber George	2.00
Pluff Frank	2.00	Bartlett Solomon Shrewsbury	.33
Porter Nelson	2.00	Jones Robert, Worcester	1.43
Sarmenter W. M.	2.00	Kelly Patrick, Northbridge	1.04
Prentice Henry	2.00	Lally John Upton	1.30
Peters Daniel	2.00	Newton Mrs. Lucy	1.30
Rourke Patrick	2.00	Johnson Wm. J.	2.00
Rhodes Rufus	2.00	Bulger James	2.00
Sheridan Thomas	2.00	Mack P.	2.00
Sheeran Wm	2.00		
Smith Elmer E.	2.00		

Total abated for 1886 $199.74

A true record
Attest
Alden A Howe
C.

Henry Miles and B F Gibson appointed Special police Officers for July 4. sworn by Town Clerk –

Aug. 4. 1890 –
Frank M. Howe & Lewis Daniels were appointed Railroad police officer by the Selectmen and the oath administered by the Town Clerk
Attest A. A. Howe T. C. –

Aug. 4. 1890
F. E. Huckins was appointed Special Police Officer by the Selectmen and sworn by the Town Clerk
Attest
A. A. Howe Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. Greeting:

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Saturday the Seventh day August at 2-30 o'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen dividing the town into voting Precincts

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and ninety.

Ezekiel Fowler
A. F. Allen
Perley Goddard
L. M. Rice
F. E. Hutchins
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. August 9th 1890
I have served the forgoing Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Saturday the Ninth day of August at 7-20 A.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

Amos Carey
Constable of Grafton

Grafton Mass. Aug. 16. 1890.

Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the town hall this day and were called to order at 2-30 o'clock P.M. by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and called for a ballot for Moderator

6 Ballots were cast for Moderator all of which were for L. M. Rice and he was declared Elected and took the Chair

Previous to the above ballot the Clerk appointed Messrs. A. Fowler, J. F. Allen, Perley Goddard L. M. Rice and F. E. Huckins tellers, and administered the oath to them.

Art. 2 was taken up.

On motion of Alden M. Bigelow

Voted; To adjourn sine die.

Attest

Alden A. Howe

Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Thursday the 16th day of October at 7-30 o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2nd To see if the town will make an additional appropriation of $800 for repairing highways.

Art. 3rd To see if the town will accept the report of the Highway Commissioners making alterations in Oak Street North Grafton and appropriate $100 therefor.

Art. 4th To see if the town will make the following by-laws concerning truants children and absentees from school namely:-

By-Laws of the Town of Grafton concerning habitual truants absentees from school and children who persistently violate the reasonable rules and regulations of the Common Schools.—

Section 1. Any Child in the Town of Grafton who is an habitual truant, and any Child between seven and fifteen years of age who may be found loitering about the streets or public places therein, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, and any Child who persistently violates the reasonable rules and regulations of the Common Schools, shall, upon conviction thereof, be committed to the Hampden County Truant School at Springfield in said Hampden County for confinement, discipline and instruction for a term not exceeding two years.—

Section 2. The School Committee shall appoint and fix the compensation of two or more suitable

persons, to be designated truant officers, who shall under the direction of said Committee, inquire into all cases arising under the foregoing by-law, and shall alone be authorized, in case of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereon: —

Section 3. The Hampden County Truant School, at Springfield in said Hampden County, is, by vote of the said Town of Grafton, assigned as a place of confinement, discipline and instruction of such children as may be convicted under these by-laws. —

Section 4. These by-laws shall take effect from and after their approval as provided in Section 10 of Chapter 48 of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, thereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this 6th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ninety.

Eskil Fowler
Francis E. Hutchins
Perley Goddard
H. F. Allen
L. M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. October 9th 1890
I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Thursday the ninth day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and return
Attest Alden A. Howe Town Clerk

Grafton, October 16. 1890.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town assembled in the town hall at 7-30 o'clock P. M., and the warrant was read by the town Clerk, the Selectmen were appointed tellers and sworn by the clerk.

A ballot taken for moderator which resulted in the unanimous choice of Lyman M. Rice

Article 2 was taken up.

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 3d was taken and the report of the Highway Commissioners laying out certain alterations in Oak St North Grafton was read by the Clerk. (See road records p.55)

Voted (7 to 5) to pass over the article.

It was then voted 15 to 5 to reconsider the vote to pass over the article.

Voted to accept the report of the Highway Commissioners and to appropriate one hundred dollars therefor out of the tax of 1891, and that the Selectmen and Highway Commissioners be a Committee to consult with the Grafton & Upton R.R. Co. to see what can be obtained from them toward the expense of the proposed alterations.

Article 4. was taken up.

Voted to pass over the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Alden A. Hoyt
Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton on Tuesday, the fourth day of November, next at nine o'clock in the forenoon it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant-Governor Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the Twelfth Worcester Representative District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a Representative to Congress for the Fourth Congressional District.

And to vote "Yes" or "No" on an Amendment to the Constitution to prevent the disfranchisement of voters because of a change of residence within the Commonwealth, also, an amendment to the Constitution relative to soldiers and Sailors Exercising the right of franchise said amendments are contained in Chapter 71 Resolves of 1890.

The Polls for all of the above Officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 9-30 o'clock, A.M., and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock P.M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and

at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands, this twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

Ezekiel Fowler
Francis E Huckins
Perley Goddard
H. F. Allen
L. M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, SS. October 25th 1890
I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Saturday the twenty-fifth day of October at 11-25 A.M. current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney, Constable of Grafton,

A true copy of Warrant and return
Attest
Alden A Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton, November 4. 1890

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town met in the town hall at nine o'clock A.M. today.

The meeting was called to order by Lyman M. Rice who acted as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman of the board of Selectmen.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Thomas J. Bryce voted to close the polls at 4 o'clock.

The first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered by the Town Clerk to the presiding officer and his receipt was taken therefor.

Joseph A. Dodge, Republican and Geo. F. Estabrook, Democrat were sworn by the Clerk as inspectors, and Michael H. Prout Democrat and William Fowler, Republican as Deputy Inspectors, they having been previously appointed by the Selectmen.

The sample ballots and Cards of Instruction were posted in the voting shelves and around the room as required by law.

The polls were declared open at 9-30 o'clock by E. Fowler Chairman.

The ballot box was unlocked and opened and exhibited and shown to be empty; it was then locked and the keys handed to W. C. Fletcher the Constable in charge.

The register in the front of the ballot box stood 0000

The ballot box was opened by unanimous consent, when the register stood at 100 - also
" " " " " 239 "
" " " " " 400.
" " " " " 507 and the ballots were counted each time and agreed with the figures indicated upon the register

The polls closed at four o'clock at which time the register stood 509 and the number of ballots cast agreed with the register, being also 509

The check-marks upon the voting list were counted aloud and found to be 509.

The votes for the several were declared as follows;

For Governor.

John Blackmer, of Springfield: thirty one	31.
John Q. A. Brackett of Arlington: two hundred fifty three	253
William E. Russell, of Cambridge: two hundred five	205
Blanks; twenty	20
Total	509.

For Lieut-Governor.

John W. Corcoran of Clinton: One hundred ninety eight	198
William A. Haile of Springfield; two hundred forty eight	248
George Kempton, of Sharon: twenty nine	29
Blanks; thirty four	34
Total	509

Secretary.

George D. Crittenden, of Duxbury; thirty	30
Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville; One hundred ninety	190
William M. Olin, of Boston: two hundred forty five	245
Blanks, forty four	44
Total	509

Treasurer and Receiver-General.

William A. Gleason of Boston; twenty nine	29
George A. Marden, of Lowell: two hundred forty five	245
Edwin L. Mann of Holyoke; One hundred Eighty Eight	188
Blanks, forty-seven	47
Total	509

Auditors.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield: two hundred five	205
Augustus R. Smith of Lee; thirty three	33
William D. T. Trefry, of Marblehead:- One hundred ninety three	193
Blanks, Seventy eight	78
Total	509

For Attorney-General.

Walcot Hamlin of Amherst twenty eight	28
Elisha B. Maynard of Springfield, One hundred ninety	190
Albert E. Pillsbury of Berlin, two hundred forty three	243
Blanks forty eight	48
	509

For Representative in Congress.

Charles B. Pratt of Worcester; two hundred forty	240
Herbert M. Small of Templeton; twenty one	21
Joseph H. Walker of Worcester; two hundred fourteen	214
Blanks; thirty four	34
	509.

For Councillor. Seventh District.

William Abbott of Douglas; two hundred seventy	270
Charles M. Bowers of Clinton; forty five	45
George F. Estabrook; one	1
Blanks; One hundred ninety three	193
	509

For County Commissioner.

Henry G. Taft of Uxbridge; two hundred forty five	245.
Nathaniel Upham of Sturbridge; One hundred seventy nine	179
John B. White of Uxbridge; twenty seven	27.
Blanks, fifty eight	58
	509.

For Senator. 2nd Worcester District.

George P. Cooke of Milford; two hundred	200
Lucius Field of Clinton; two hundred thirty four	234
Olin B. Southwick of Berlin; twenty five	25
Blanks fifty	50
	509

For Representative in General Court. 12th Worcester District.

George Dick of Shrewsbury: Twenty Nine	29
John W. Fairbanks of Westborough: two hundred twenty two	222
Edward Hollorand " " : One hundred Eighty Seven	187
John W. Hammond " Southborough: One hundred fifty eight	158
John E. Henry " Westborough: Thirty Six	36
Edward L. Hoar " Shrewsbury: two hundred twenty two	222
Blanks: One hundred sixty four	164
Total for two	1018

For Amendment to the Constitution to prevent the disfranchisement of voters because of a change of residence within the Commonwealth

Yes: One hundred Seventy	170
No: Fifty One	51
Blanks, two hundred Eighty eight	288
Total	509

For Amendment to the Constitution relative to Soldiers and Sailors exercising the right of franchise.

Yes: One hundred Seventy Six	176
No.: twenty eight	28
Blanks; three hundred five	305
Total	509

The record of the foregoing vote having been made, the returns were made out and signed and the check list and ballots were sealed up in separate envelopes, the duplicate check list and the unused ballots were sealed up by the Inspectors and delivered to the Town Clerk after being properly indorsed as required by law.

The meeting then adjourned –

A true record.

Attest.

Alden A. Howe

Town Clerk.

A meeting of the Town Clerks

of the 12th Worcester Representative District was held at Westboro, November 14th at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of canvassing the vote for Representative to the General Court

The Certificates of the votes for the several Candidates, signed by the Selectmen of the several towns in the District, were examined and it was found that John W. Fairbanks of Westborough and Edward C. Howe of Shrewsbury were elected and the Certificates required by law were filled out and signed by the Town Clerks.

Statement of Votes for Representatives to General Court 12th Worcester Dist.

Names of Candidates	Residence	Berlin	Grafton	Northboro	Southboro.	Shrewsbury	Westboro	Total
George Buck	Shrewsbury	15	29	21	10	22	66	163
John W. Fairbanks	Westborough	96	222	120	103	76	341	958
Edward Holloran	Westborough	12	187	53	80	42	255	629
John W. Hammond	Southborough	12	158	59	88	41	203	561
John E. Henry	Westborough	17	36	23	19	15	125	235
Edward C. Howe	Shrewsbury	92	222	124	80	111	236	865
Adams F. Brown	Westborough						1	1
Blanks		24	164	56	78	57	229	608
		268	1018	456	458	364	1456	4020

We the Town Clerks of the several towns of the 12th Representative District of Worcester County, Certify that the above is a true statement of the returns of votes cast on the 4th day of November, 1890 for Representatives to the General Court, made to us by the Selectmen of the towns in said District

F. H. Crossman — Town Clerk of Berlin
Alden A. Howe — Town Clerk of Grafton
Gilman B. Howe — Town Clerk of Northboro
Henry A. McMaster — Town Clerk of Southboro
George E. Stone — Town Clerk of Shrewsbury
Henry L. Chase — Town Clerk of Westboro

Westborough, Mass., Nov. 14. 1890

A true copy
Attest

Alden A. Howe Town Clerk

North Grafton, Mass. Nov. 10. 1890

To the Clerk of the Town of Grafton:

This is to Certify that William Storrie has this day been appointed Special Police

F. E. Hutchins
Perley Goddard } Selectmen
L. M. Rice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Worcester ss. Nov. 12. 1890

Then personally appeared William Storrie and made oath that he would faithfully perform his duties as Special Police for the town of Grafton, Before me

Lucius K. Leland
Justice of the Peace

A True Copy
Attest Alden A. Howe Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Saturday the 22nd day of November at 7-30 o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art. 2nd. To see if the town will make an appropriation of money for the repair of highways.

Art. 3rd. To see if the town will make the following by-laws concerning truant children and absentees from School, namely:

By-Laws of the Town of Grafton Concerning habitual truants absentees from school and Children who persistently violate the reasonable rules and regulations of the ~~Public~~ Common Schools.

Section 1. Any child in the Town of Grafton who is an habitual truant and any child between seven and fifteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places

therein, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, and any child who persistently violates the reasonable rules and regulations of the Common Schools, shall upon Conviction thereof, be committed to the Hampden County Truant School at Springfield in said Hampden County, for confinement, discipline and instruction for a term not exceeding two years. — Section 2. The School Committee shall appoint and fix compensation of two or more suitable persons, to be designated truant officers, who shall under the direction of said Committee, inquire into all cases arising under the foregoing by-laws and shall alone be authorized, in cases of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereon. —

Section 3. The Hampden County Truant School at Springfield in said Hampden County, is by vote of the said Town of Grafton, assigned as a place of confinement, discipline and instruction of such children as may be convicted under these by-laws. — — — —

Section 4. These by-laws shall take effect from and after their approval as provided in section 10 of chapter 48 of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth (4th) day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Ninety.

E. Fowler
H. F. Allen
F. E. Hoskins
L. M. Rice
Perley Goddard

} Selectmen of Grafton —

Worcester, ss. November 14th 1890.

I have served the forgoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Friday the fourteenth day of November current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed,

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

Pursuant to the forgoing warrant the legal voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 7-30 o'clock P.M. Nov. 22. 1890 and were called to order by the Town Clerk, Who read the warrant and called for the Election of a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

The town Clerk appoints the following, as tellers for the meeting and swore them in, viz:
H. F. Allen, L. M. Rice and Perley Goddard
A ballot was had for Moderator, the check list being used and Lyman M. Rice was Elected and took the Chair

Art. 2nd was taken up
Voted to raise by taxation in the tax of the year 1891 Four Hundred Dollars to be appropriated for the repair of highways, and to be Expended this fall.

Art. 3d was taken up.
Voted to accept the By-laws concerning habitual truants, and absentees from School (See Art. 3d of the warrant)

Voted to dissolve this meeting

A true record of warrant and of the meeting
Attest

Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton Mass. Dec. 1. 1890

A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee was held this evening in the Town Clerk's office to take action upon the resignation of Rev. E. L. S. Osgood from the School Board.

A ballot was had to fill the vacancy and Rev. George H. Pratt was unanimously elected, and the Secretary of the board was appointed as a committee to notify Mr. Pratt of his Election

Attest

Allen A. Howe
Town Clerk.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company
Of Massachusetts -

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton Mass to erect and maintain poles and wires thereon in the following named streets and highways in the said town of Grafton

The posts shall be of the material of the poles now standing in said locations, or other suitable materials and shall not be less than twenty five feet in length.

The wires shall not be less than twenty feet from the ground, and located substantially as now run.

A copy of this permit is recorded in the records of the town of Grafton -

Grafton Mass 1890 - Following are the streets and highways above referred to -

Shrewsbury St from B & A. R.R. to Shrewsbury line
Upton St. from Grafton Centre to Upton line.

E. Fowler
Perley Goddard. Selectmen
H. F. Allen of
L. M. Rice. Grafton -
F. E. Huckins -

A true Copy
Attest

A. A. Howe Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.
To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:
In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Thursday the 29th day of January at 7-30 o'clock, P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit: Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
Art. 2nd To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chap. 386 of the Acts of Legislature of 1890, and to vote for all town officers required by law to be chosen by ballot, and to vote "Yes" and "No" on the question of granting licenses for the Sale of intoxicating liquors by the Australian Ballot System.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and ninety one.

F. E. Huckins H. F. Allen L. M. Rice	Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, ss. Grafton Jan. 22nd 1891.
I have served the foregoing by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Thursday the twenty second day of Jan. at 7 m. past 11 A.M. Current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton, Jany. 29. 1891.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 7-30 o'clock P.M. this day.

The meeting was called to order by the town Clerk who read the warrant and appointed Ezekiel Fowler, F. E. Huckins, Perly Goddard, H. F. Allen and Lyman M. Rice tellers, sworn them to the faithful discharge of their duties, and called for a ballot for moderator.

A ballot was had for moderator, the check list being used.

Seven ballots were cast all of which were for Lyman M. Rice and he was declared elected and took the chair.

Article 2nd was taken up.

The reading of Chap. 386 of the Acts of 1890 was called for, and was read by the Town Clerk.

On motion of John E. McClellan it was

Voted; That the town accept the provision of Chapter 386, acts of the Legislature of 1890, with reference to the election of town officers and the voting on all questions submitted to the vote of the town in accordance with a statute providing for such submission.

On motion of John B. Scott it was

Voted: That the following officers be chosen by ballot annually according to the Australian system, as provided in the acts of the Legislature of 1890 Chapter 386, to fill town offices viz:

One Town Clerk for one year.
Five Selectmen " " "
One Treasurer " " "
One Assessor for " three "
One Overseer of the Poor " three "
One Committee on Town Hall for three years
One School Committee " " "
One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years.
One " " Pine Grove " " " "
One " " Fairview " " " "
One Committee on Common " three "

Eight Constables for one year
One Tax Collector " " "
Three Auditors " " "
And to fill any vacancies that may occur in the above named offices -

Voted: To dissolve the meeting

Attest
Alden A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Feb 2 1891
At a meeting of the Selectmen of Grafton held held January 29 Edwin A Howe was elected Town Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alden A. Howe as such Town Clerk

A true record
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Worcester S.S. Jan 30 1891

Personally appeared Edwin A Howe and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of said office before me.

Henry F Wing
Justice of the Peace

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Feb 2 1891

I have this day destroyed by burning all the ballots cast at the last State election the package being unopened

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

By Laws of the Town of Grafton concerning habitual truants absentees from School and children who persistently violate the reasonable rules and regulations of the common schools.

Section 1 Any child in the town of Grafton who is an habitual truant, and any child between seven and fifteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets, or public places therein having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance and any child who persistently violates the reasonable rules and regulations of the common schools shall upon conviction thereof, committed to the Hampden Truant School at Springfield in said Hampden County for confinement discipline and instruction for a term not exceeding two years.

Section 2 The School Committee shall appoint and fix the compensation of two or more suitable persons to be designated truant officers, who shall under the direction of said committee, inquire into all cases arising under the foregoing by laws and shall alone be authorized in cases of violation thereof to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereon.

Section 3 The Hampden County Truant School at Springfield in said Hampden County, is by vote of said town of Grafton assigned as the place of confinement discipline and instruction of such children as may be convicted under these by laws

Section 4 These by laws shall take effect from and after their approval as provided in section 10 of chapter 48 of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs held in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Saturday the twenty second day of November A.D. 1890 pursuant to warrant the foregoing by laws were by a unanimous vote adopted as appears of record.

Attest

Aldin A Howe Town Clerk

In Superior Court Jan 16 1891

The foregoing By Laws are approved,

Hamilton B Staples

Justice of the Superior Court

A Copy Attest A. S. Johnson

Clerk

Received and recorded February 23, 1891.
10 o'clock A.M.
Aldin A Howe Town Clerk

Annual Meeting March 2, 1891.

Town Warrant.

Worcester, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the second day of March current at Nine o'clock A.M. to act on the following Articles, to wit.

Art 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2 To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, One Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the Committee on Town House for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one Road Commissioner for three years, one Trustee Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee ~~Pine Grove~~ Cemetery for ~~five~~ years, one Trustee Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the Committee on Common for three years. Eight Constables for one year, and to fill the following vacancies, viz. one Assessor for one year, one Assessor for two years, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for one year, one Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery for four years. And to vote 'Yes' or 'No' on the question. "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town."

The votes for all the above offices will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for, by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

List of Candidates nominated, to be voted for in the Town of Grafton, Nov. 6, 1894.

SPECIMEN BALLOT.

Wm M. Olin,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Penalty for wilfully defacing, tearing down, removing or destroying a list of candidates or specimen ballot—fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

To vote for a Person, mark a Cross X in Square at right of Name and Designation.

GOVERNOR. . . . . . Mark ONE.

GEORGE H. CARY—of Lynn	People's Party	
FREDERIC T. GREENHALGE—of Lowell	Republican	
ALFRED W. RICHARDSON—of Springfield	Prohibition	
JOHN E. RUSSELL—of Leicester	Democratic	
DAVID TAYLOR—of Boston	Socialist Labor	

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. . . . . . Mark ONE.

WILBERT O. DWINELL—of Danvers	People's Party	
MORITZ E. RUTHER—of Holyoke	Socialist Labor	
SAMUEL B. SHAPLEIGH—of Boston	Prohibition	
CHARLES E. STRATTON—of Boston	Democratic	
ROGER WOLCOTT—of Boston	Republican	

SECRETARY. . . . . . Mark ONE.

CHARLES A. DeCOURCY—of Lawrence	Democratic	
WILBERT D. FARNHAM, Jr.—of Somerville	Prohibition	
JOSEPH F. MALLONEY—of Lynn	Socialist Labor	
WILLIAM M. OLIN—of Boston	Republican	
ISAAC W. SKINNER—of Brockton	People's Party	

TREASURER. . . . . . Mark ONE.

EMIL AUERBACH—of Adams	Socialist Labor	
JOHN M. FISHER—of Attleborough	Prohibition	
JAMES S. GRINNELL—of Greenfield	Democratic	
MARTIN W. MORAN—of Boston	People's Party	
HENRY M. PHILLIPS—of Springfield	Republican	

AUDITOR. . . . . . Mark ONE.

JOHN W. KIMBALL—of Fitchburg	Republican	
MAURICE W. LANDERS—of Pittsfield	People's Party	
WILBUR M. PURRINGTON—of Williamsburg	Prohibition	
CHARLES N. WENTWORTH—of Lynn	Socialist Labor	
ALFRED C. WHITNEY—of Boston	Democratic	

ATTORNEY-GENERAL. . . . . . Mark ONE.

FRANK M. FORBUSH—of Natick	Prohibition	
HENRY F. HURLBURT—of Lynn	Democratic	
HOSEA M. KNOWLTON—of New Bedford	Republican	
FREDERICK AUGUST NAGLER—of West Springfield	Socialist Labor	
JAMES SUMNER—of Milton	People's Party	

COUNCILLOR—Seventh District. . . . . Mark ONE.

MELVIN ADAMS—of Gardner	Prohibition	
JOHN T. McLOUGHLIN—of Milford	Democratic	
CHARLES E. STEVENS—of Ware	Republican	

SENATOR—Second Worcester District. . . . . Mark ONE.

WALTER R. DAME—of Clinton	Democratic	
EDWIN B. HARVEY—of Westborough	Republican	
CHARLES L. LEONARD—of Westborough	Prohibition	

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT. . Mark TWO.
Twelfth Worcester District.

ROMEO E. ALLEN—of Shrewsbury	Republican	
CYRUS R. AXTELL—of Grafton	Prohibition	
LEVI BABCOCK—of Berlin	Prohibition	
CHARLES M. BATCHELDER—of Grafton	Democratic	
BOWERS C. HATHAWAY—of Westborough	Republican	
JOHN MATHEWS—of Westborough	Democratic	

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Worcester. . . . Mark ONE.

JOHN J. BOWLEN—of Southbridge	Democratic	
EMERSON STONE—of Spencer	Republican	
EDWARD G. WATKINS—of Gardner	Prohibition	

COUNTY TREASURER—Worcester. . . . . Mark ONE.

EDWARD A. BROWN—of Worcester	Republican	
JAMES K. CHURCHILL—of Worcester	Democratic	
CHARLES B. KNIGHT—of Worcester	Prohibition	

REGISTER OF DEEDS—Worcester District. . . Mark ONE.

JOHN HOLT—of Sutton	Prohibition	
JOHN B. RATIGAN—of Worcester	Democratic	
HARVEY B. WILDER—of Worcester	Republican	

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. . . . . Mark ONE.
Third District.

HENRY S. BROWN—of Worcester	People's Party	
CHARLES HAGGERTY—of Webster	Democratic	
JOSEPH H. WALKER—of Worcester	Republican	
GEORGE F. WRIGHT—of Worcester	Prohibition	

To vote on the following, mark a Cross in the square at the right of YES *or* NO:— X

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency be approved and ratified?	YES	
	NO	

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 9-30 o'clock, A. M. and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock, P. M. or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by voti direct.
Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers and Committees and Agents for the year ensuing.

Art 3 To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, and Committees, and act thereon.

Art 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art 5 To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 6 To see what compensation the Town will allow Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 7 To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art 8 To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art 9 To determine where within the Town, the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art 10 To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town.

Art 11 To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector, may use.

Art 12 To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act there

Art 13 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars to be divided equally between the North, the Centre, and the South part of the Town to be used in laying Concrete Sidewalks, or act thereon,

Art 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five hundred Dollars, to build an Iron or Wooden Bridge in Waterville near Huckins Mill, or act thereon,

Art 15 To see if the Town will make repairs on Waterville Street so called in North Grafton, from the Grafton & Upton R.R. to the Pine Grove Cemetery to dispose of the water now entering the land of Paul Lecleur near, and raise and appropriate money therefore, or act thereon,

Art 16 To see what if any, compensation the Town will vote to the Constables and Police Officers, who shall secure the arrest and conviction of offenders from which any fine accrues to the Town under the Acts of the Legislature of 1890, Chap 440

Art 17 To see if the Town will revoke its action, whereby, it accepted Sects 14, 15, 16, and 17 of Chap 27 of the Public Statutes, relating to Road Commissioners

Art 18 To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chap 431 of the Acts of 1888, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools and raise and appropriate money therefore,

Art 19 To see if the Town will abate the uncollected Poll Taxes for the years 1887-1888,

Art 20 To see if the Town will appropriate Fifty Dollars to build a fence at Pine Grove Cemetery,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one,

Ezekiel Fowler
Francis E Huckins
Perley Goddard
Herbert F Allen
E. M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS February 21st 1891

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the 21st day of February current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Attest.
A copy of warrant and return.

Edwin A. Hove
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 2 1891

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. Met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the second day of March 1891 and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk.
Clerk appointed Ezekiel Fowler, Lyman M Rice, Herbert F Allen and Francis E Huckins as Tellers and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st Ballot taken for Moderator. whole no. of ballots cast Nine all for Lyman M Rice and he was declared elected.

Prayer was made by Rev A. J. Hughes of North Grafton.

Art 5 Taken up
Motion of G K Nichols that the compensation of the Collector be one per cent, carried.
Motion of Chas M Batchelder, That no discount be made for the prompt payment of Taxes. That all Poll Taxes be payable on demand. That all Taxes be payable on or before October 1st and that interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from Oct 1st be charged together with all legal costs for Collection.

Art 2 On motion of George K Nichols it was voted that we vote for One Assessor for one year to fill vacancy in the board and that we do not vote for one for two years.
Voted that the Polls be closed at three O'clock P.M.
Moderator appointed Ezekiel Fowler, Herbert F Allen, Francis E Huckins and Perley Goddard as Tellers. Sworn by the Moderator.
Motion that when we adjourn it be untill tomorrow at One O'clock carried
H. C. Greenwood and M. H. Prout having been previously appointed by the Selectmen, Ballot Clerks the ballots were delivered to them and then

receipt was taken therefor.
Frank M Elliot and William E Fowler appointed tellers by the Moderator and sworn by him.

The Sample Ballots and cards of Instruction were posted in the voting Shelves and around the Hall as required by law.
The Polls were declared open at 9-30 O'clock by the Moderator. The Ballot Box was unlocked and opened exhibited and shown to be empty. it was then locked and the Keys given to William E Fletcher, the Constable in charge.
The Register in front of the Ballot Box stood 0000
The Ballot Box was opened by unanimous consent, at
10-22 O'clock A.M the register stood at - 100 Ballots received
11-8 " " " " " " 200 " "
12 " M " " " 300 " "
1-5 " P.M. " " " 400 " "
2-4 " " " " " 500 " "
Polls closed at - 3 O'clock P.M the
Register stood 557
The number of names checked on the check list were counted aloud by William E Fowler, one of the Tellers and found to correspond with the number on the front of the Register.
On Motion of Alden M. Bigelow it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby we voted, that when we adjourn, it be until tomorrow at - One O'clock, and that it be until next - Saturday at - 1-30 O'clock P.M.

The following is the result of the Ballot as declared by the Moderator for Town Clerk

Whole number of Ballots		557
Arthur M. Bigelow	had	168
Edwin A. Howe	"	235
John B Scott	"	109
B. A. Robie	"	1
Blanks		44

Edwin A. Howe declared elected.
and duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office by Lyman M Rice. Moderator, in Open Town Meeting.

For Selectmen

Whole number of Ballots — 1285

Herbert F Allen	had	430
David S Barrett	"	208
Henry E Brooks	"	288
Ezekiel Fowler	"	332
Perley Goddard	"	440
Francis E Huckins	"	324
Leyman M Rice	"	390
Augustus Fowler	"	1
D. L. Frike	"	1
Sanford Batchelder	"	1
Blanks		370

Herbert F Allen, Ezekiel Fowler, Perley Goddard, Francis E Huckins and Leyman M Rice were declared elected and were sworn by the Town Clerk

Treasurer.

Whole number of Ballots — 557

Henry F Wing	had	437
B. A. Robie	"	24
J. B. Scott	"	4
Blanks		98

Henry F Wing elected and sworn by Town Clerk Mar 7-1891

Assessor for three years.

Whole number of Ballots — 557

Arthur M. Bigelow	had	407
E. S. Clark	"	1
B. A. Robie	"	1
L. M. Rice	"	1
Blanks		147

Arthur M. Bigelow declared Elected and sworn by the Town Clerk

Assessor for one year.

Whole number of Ballots 557

Silas E Stone	had	393
Blanks		164

Silas E Stone declared elected, sworn by Town Clerk Mar 14/71.

Tax Collector.

Whole number of Ballots 557

Edwin A. Howe	had	437
J. H. Chickering	"	1
Geo M. Bigelow	"	1
Blanks		118

Edwin A. Howe declared elected.

Overseer of the Poor for three years,

Whole number of Ballots 557

Henry L Banister	had	389
J. Sweeter	"	1
Augustus Fowler	"	1
Edward C Thurber		1
Blanks		165

Henry L Banister declared elected, sworn by clerk.

Town House Committee three years,

Whole number of Ballots 557

Horace S Warren	403
Blanks	154

Horace S Warren declared elected.

School Committee three years.

Whole number of Ballots 557

George H. Pratt	had	402
J. B. Scott	"	1
Blanks		154

George H Pratt declared elected.

3-20

Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, 5 years.

Whole number of Ballots		557
D. Webster Norcross	had	374
Lyman M Rice	"	1
Blanks		182

D Webster Norcross declared elected.

Trustee of Riverside Cemetery one year

Whole number of Ballots		557
Charles L Pratt	had	368
A. B. Hudson	"	1
Blanks		188

Charles L Pratt declared elected.

Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery five years

Whole number of Ballots		557
Amos G Getchell	had	372
Blanks		185

Amos G Getchell declared elected.

Trustee Fairview Cemetery for five years.

Whole number of Ballots		557
George W Fisher	had	390
Blanks		167

George W Fisher declared elected.

Committee on Common, three years.

Whole number of Ballots		557
D. Webster Norcross	had	384
Harry Nichols	"	1
Blanks		172

D. Webster Norcross declared elected.

Road Commissioner for three years.

Whole number of Ballots		557
John A Brown	had	292
Frank O Johnson	"	130
Blanks		135

John A Brown declared elected.

Auditor

Whole number of Ballots 1671

Daniel N Gibbs	had	378
Andrew J Hall	"	370
Watson C Rice	"	370
H. S. Warren	"	1
Henry E Brooks	"	1
Blanks		551

Daniel N Gibbs, Andrew J Hall, and Watson C Rice declared elected.

Constables.

Whole number of Ballots 4456

James Carney	had (Sworn by Clerk)	415
Stephen Denning	"	292
William C Fletcher	" Sworn by clerk	267
Amos G Getchell	" Oath on file	325
James Gleason	" Sworn by Clerk	344
Alfred W Lowell	"	206
Henry Miles	" Sworn by clerk	321
Dennis Minnehan	"	220
George M Newton	" Sworn by Clerk	288
Charles J Wilder	"	265
George Lougee	"	1
Albert Bradish	"	1
J. H. Donahue	"	1
Blanks		1510

James Carney, Stephen Denning, William C Fletcher, Amos G Getchell, James Gleason, Henry Miles, George M Newton, Charles J Wilder, declared elected. All but Chas J Wilder and Stephen Denning sworn by Town Clerk.

Question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town"

Whole number of Ballots 557

Yes	281
No	204
Blanks	72

Voted to adjourn to Saturday 1-30 P.M. March 7-

A true record. Attest: Edwin A Howe, Town Clerk.

Grafton Mar 7 1891

Pursuant to adjournment the Inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall at 1-30 Oclock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Lyman M Rice.

Art 2 Taken up,

Voted to chose three Fence viewers and D. Webster Norcross David Le Fisk and Perley Goddard elected. Sworn by Clerk. Sworn Aug 24-1891

Clarance N Putnam elected. Field Driver

Art 3 was taken up and the following reports accepted as printed.

Selectmens Report. Treasurers Report,

Town House Committee Report,

Road Commissioners Report,

Common Committee Report Registrars Report,

Engineers Report. Treasurer Pine Grove Cemetery Report,

Treasurer Riverside Cemetery Report, Treasurer Fairview

Reports Cemetery Report. Overseers of the Poor laid a Table

Rawson Fund. Collectors report with the following additions viz Edward Beauregard $18.00

Albert R Holland $8.75 Charles H Barney 14.60

Henry S Hawes $6.95 have paid since Report was printed,

Assessors Report. Quartermaster Report

A B R Sprage Post-24 G A R,

Trustees of the Free Public Library Report.

School Committees Report.

All the above reports were accepted as printed.

Ezekiel Fowler reported for the Committee on drainage appointed at the Annual meeting March 1890. that they had nothing more to present but would

Drainage make a Motion that Horace S. Warren. George W Estabrooks and Andrew J Hall be added to the Committee and the motion was carried and that the committee report at the April meeting.

Art - 4 was taken up.
On Motion of Geo K Nichols the sum of three thousand dollars was appropriated to pay the Interest on the Town debt. Motion made that we raise and appropriate the several sums as recommended by the Selectmen in their Report, Amendment by David L Fiske that only the Dog Fund be appropriated to the Library, amendment lost - and the original motion carried.

Appropriations

The following are the sums recommended and voted

High School	$1800.00
Common Schools.	750.00
Fuel & Janitor.	140.00
Books & Stationary.	80.00
Repairs and Fixtures.	800.00
Fire Department.	1100.00
Highways.	3000.00
Free Public Library (in addition to Dog Fund)	150.00
Support of Poor.	6400.00
Memorial Day.	100.00
Common.	500.00
Town Clerk's Salary.	75.00
" Treasurer's "	100.00
Library at North Grafton.	50.00
" " Farnumsville.	25.00
" " Saundersville	25.00
Grafton Water Co hydrants.	2500.00
Street Lights or Sidewalks, Centre.	100.00
" " " North part of Town.	100.00
" " " South "	100.00
Town Officers, except Clerk, Treasurer, and School Committee	2075.00
School Committee	1000.00
State Aid.	200.00
Miscellaneous.	1000.00
Prosecution of Liquor Cases.	300.00
Road Scraper.	250.00
	$34000.00
Less cash in hands of Treasurer and uncollected Taxes	5000.00
Amount to be assessed.	$29000.00

Art 6 was taken up.
Voted that the compensation of Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year. be the same as it was the last year.

Compensation of Sextons

Art 7 was taken up
Voted that the compensation of Fireman for the year ensuing be the same as it was last year,

Compensation Fireman

Art 8 Taken up
Voted to accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box.
Austin G Kempton and John E McClellan request their names to be taken from the list and the request was granted,

List names for Jury Box

Art 9 was taken up
Voted that the High School be kept in the Centre of the Town

Art 10 was taken up
Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town.

Treasurer Authorized to Borrow money

Art 11 was taken up.
Voted that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector may use.

Collector authorized

Art 12 Taken up.
Passed over. appropriation already made under Art 4

Art 13 Taken up.
On Motion of John E McClellan it was voted that we appropriate one thousand dollars for Sidewalks. one third used in the centre to be used for Gravel walks, no concrete to be laid untill all the streets have a good Gravel walk on one side of the Street. one third used in the South part for Gravel walks. and one third at the North part.

Aproprieation for Sidewalks

he following is a list of the Jurors submitted by the Selectmen
or the Acceptance of the Town

Adams Erastus	Fiske David L	Merchant William H
xtell Cyrus R	Fitzpatrick Edward	Newton George R,
aldwin Franklin	Fletcher William C.	Nichols Harrington L
anister Henry L,	Fowler Augustus	Pain Elias A,
assett David S.	Gannon, Michael	Pennock Samuel D.
atchelder Charles M,	Getchell. Amos G	Pratt Charles L,
gelow Arthur M,	Gibson Benjamin F,	Prout Michael H
rewer, Thomas H	Goddard Perley	Rice Ashley W.
rewer, William C,	Goulding Albert M,	Rice Lyman M
rooks George B	Greenwood, H Curtis	Riggs, Henry M
rooks Henry E (Saunderville)	Hall Henry	Rogers Stephen S.
rown John A.	Holbrook, Elisha D.	Sargent J William
rown, William H	Huckins Francis E	Sargent Lucius
hamberlin Edward F	Huckins George H	Sherry William
hase, Daniel S.	Keith Moses A,	Sinclair, E Herbert
oreg Bernard J	Knowlton Samuel H	Stowe Lewis A
rocker Clarance H.	Knowlton Albert B	Stowe Silas E.
hickering Jonas H,	Knight, Willard P,	Sumner, Clarance
rowe, Patrick H	Leland, Henry R,	Thomas James H
avis Lorin S.	Leonard Sumner F	Thurber Edward C
avenport Stearns L	Lincoln Dwight E	Vinton Frank E
odge Frederick A.	Lougee George P	Walter George W
unn George M	Lynch Thomas	Warren Frank H
lliott Aaron	Manning Thomas	Wibb Park F
orcester Franklin	Wood C Edward	Whitney John A

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The following is a list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the Town

Art 14 Taken up.

Bridge at Waterville

Voted that the matter of building a Bridge in Waterville near Hutchins Mill, be left in the hands of the Selectmen to build such bridge as they think best (Iron or Wooden) at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars

Art 15 Taken up.

Care of matter at Waterville

Voted that it be left in the hands of Road Commissioner and Selectmen to examine and report at the April meeting.

Art 16 Taken up

Passed over.

Art 17 Taken up.

Abolish Road Commission

Motion made by Chas M Batchelder that we pass over the Art. David L Fiske made the following as a substitute motion. That the Town do revoke its action whereby it voted to accept Sects 74-75-76 and 77 of Chap 27 of the Public Statutes. and the motion to substitute was carried, and the motion to revoke its action carried, as moved by David L Fiske

Art 18 Taken up. Motion by F M McGarey

Superintendent of Schools

Voted that the Town will accept the provisions of Chapt 431 of the Acts of 1888, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and raise and appropriate money therefore, and that the Town raise and appropriate four hundred fifty dollars towards payment of Superintendent, and that a union be made with one of either the named towns, Upton, Hopedale, Millburg Shrewsbury, Mendon, Northbridge.

Art 4 Taken up.

License money appropriated

Motion of Arthur M Begelow that the license money be appropriated and deducted from the total amount to be raised by taxation for 1891 carried.

Aug 19 Taken up
Voted to abate the following taxes year 1887

Allyne Albert	2.00	Grant Alexander	2.00
Alexande Thornton	2.00	Genna Leon	2.00
Allard Joseph	2.00	Grave Henry	2.00
Bermingham John	2.00	Healey Dennis	2.00
Bashaw Joseph	2.00	Howard John	2.00
Bolton Henry	2.00	Hughes Andrew	2.00
Barney Charles A	2.00	Hall Samuel B. Jr.	2.00
Balcom Caemere	2.00	Johnson Alonzo	2.00
Beliele Joseph	2.00	Knowlton R F	2.00
Brothers John	2.00	King Frank J.	2.00
Borneman Jason B.	2.00	Kingsley Nelson	2.00
Bonn Joseph	2.00	Kelley Michael	2.00
Bassinett Paul	2.00	Knox Henry	2.00
Carney Walter G	2.00	Leines Mitch	2.00
Conner W. R.	2.00	Leaundry Joseph	2.00
Curran John	2.00	Leaundry Joseph Jr	2.00
Coff W. F.	2.00	Leussia Alexander	2.00
Connere Timothy	2—	Lemere Oliver	2.00
Carney Michael	2.00	Leaundry George	2.00
Cieco Lemuel	2.00	McAfee F. B.	2.00
Cieco Lewis	2.00	McWilliams H. P.	2.00
Carter James W.	2.00	Merriam William	2.00
Caire William	2.00	Marshall Joseph	2.00
Caire Joseph	2.00	Menard Peter	2.00
Carey Henry	2.00	Mitchell Thomas A. S.	2.00
Dupree George	2.00	Meare Lewis	2.00
Devlin Patrick	2.00	Mason Edward	2.00
Duffy John	2.00	Mason Henry 2d	2.00
Donohue Patrick 2d	2.00	McGovern James	2.00
Doyle William	2.00	Martin Samuel	2.00
Darrow Henry	2.00	McGauchie Andrew	2.00
Deponlez John	2.00	McCarty James	2.00
Finn Peter	2.00	Mack Patrick	2.00
Francis A. C.	2.00	Mason Emanuel	2.00
Fahey James	2.00	Meno Eli	2.00
Galligan John	2.00	McArdle Hugh	2.00
Grimshaw John	2.00	Newton F. F.	2.00
Goodnow Veale	2.00	Nichols E. H.	2.00
Grenon John	2.00	Nichols J. E.	2.00
Grenon Alexander	2.00	Pierce Eli	2.00
Goodnow Felix	2.00	Paquin Joseph	2.00

Proctor Prue	$2.00	St Ange Wilfred	$2.00
Perow Frank	2.00	Santon Wilfred	2.00
Pollard John	2.00	Small Thomas	2.00
Perry Henry M.	2.00	Snow James	2.00
Palmer Willis M.	2.00	Smith James	2.00
Putnam Frank	2.00	Slocumb Albert	2.00
Peters Daniel	2.00	Stratton Samuel A	2.00
Pelliquin Napoleon	2.00	Stoddard James V.	2.00
Pluff Peter	2.00	Thompson Charles E.	2.00
Pratt Richard K.	2.00	Ward W. H.	2.00
Rounsfield Charles	2.00	Ware George L.	2.00
Rogers Arthur E.	2.00	White J Augustus	2.00
Rouke Patrick	2.00	Welch Edward W	2.00
Ryall William	2.00	Williams M. C.	2.00
Robitory Jeremiah	2.00	Watters John	2.00
Sheridan Thomas A.	2.00	Williams Edward	2.00
Sullivan Michael	2.00	Atchin Alfred	2.00
Smith Elmer E.	2.00	Paquin Frank	2.00
Silks Charles	2.00	McHenry Joseph	2.00
Baker Joseph	2.00	McHenry Jeremiah	2.00
		122 Polls	$244.00
			52.12
			$296.12

Voted to abate the following Taxes for the year 1888

Johnson Joseph	$2.00	McGauchin Andrew	$2.00
Marshall John	2.00	White J Augustus	2.00
		4 Polls	$8.00

Art 3 Taken up.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor Taken from the Table after some questions were asked by A. M. Goulding and explanations by the Overseers it was voted to accept the report as printed.

Art 2 Taken up

Stephen Denning asked to be excused from serving as Constable the year ensuing voted that he be excused.

Art 20 Taken up

On Motion of L. M. Sargent it was voted to appropriate One hundred Dollars to bill a fence at Pine Grove Cemetery.

On motion of George K Nichols it was voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest;
Edwin A. Howe.
Town Clerk.

March 7-1891
Alexander N Jefferson appointed Special Police Officer by the Select-men. and Sworn by Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester SS
March 3, 1891
Then personally appeared Amos F Belchell and made oath that having been chosen a Constable for the Town of Grafton for the year ensuing that he will faithfully discharge the duties of said office before me.
Lorthen K Leland.
Justice of the Peace.

Grafton March 18 1891

The Selectmen this day appointed as Commissioner of Streets John C M'Clellan and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office by the Town Clerk.

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

April 1891

The following appointments have been made by the Selectmen, viz

Police officers

Alfred E Lowell sworn by L K Leland Justice of peace
Lucius Dodge " " Town clerk,

Frank E Fay " " " "

Railroad Police

Geo M Newton sworn by Town Clerk
Frank M Howe " " " "
Special Wm C Wood at depot " " " "

Registrar for 3 years from May 1st 1891
Charles M Batchelder,

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Elietta D. Holbrook, sworn by L K Leland Justice peace

Engineers of the Fire Department
Albert V French sworn by T Clerk, Thomas Wilmarth sworn by T Clerk
Geo H Huckins sworn by T Clerk, Alden M. Bigelow " "
Henry E. Brooks sworn by T Clerk David S. Bassett " "

Forest Fire Wardens.

Perley Goddard sworn by T clerk. David S. Bassett sworn by T clerk
Silas E. Stone sworn by T Clerk Samuel H. Knowlton sworn by L K Leland Justice peace
John E McClellan Amos G Fetchell " "
John A Sweeter sworn by T Clerk Henry Miles sworn by T Clerk
Lyman M. Rice

Public Weighers and measures
Willard G Claflin F A Dodge sworn by T Clerk
E D Holbrook sworn by L K Leland Justice Peace
B D Adams " " " " "
E O Lyndley " " " " "
L K Leland
John E McClellan A G Kempton
L M Rice E A Howe

over

Keeper of Lock-up and Pound
James Carney Sworn by
Comm Clerk

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Saturday the eighth day of June next at 12-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles, to wit,

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To bring in and deposit their ballots for one Selectman to fill vacancy. Each voter to specify the person voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name The polls will be open to receive the votes after the above officer at one o'clock P.M. and may be closed at Five o'clock P.M or such other time as thereafter not later than the hour of sunset as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct

Art 3rd To hear the report of the Committee on North Street drain and raise and appropriate money to build the same, or act thereon,

Art 4th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of disposing of the surface water between the Grafton & Upton R.R. and Pine Grove Cemetery. or act thereon,

Art 6th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Three hundred dollars to rebuild the South bridge near the Estate of the late John McClellan

Art 6th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to rebuild the bridge East of the North Grafton Station

Art 7 To see if the Town will make special repairs on the Town road leading from near the residence of W. P. Knight to the Wheeler bridge and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art 8th. To see if the Town will make special repairs on and widen Main Street in North Grafton between the large bridge and Waterville Street and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art 9th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred and one 5/100 dollars to repair Worcester Street near Grafton Centre,

Art 10th To see if the Town will vote to make alterations on the road leading from the Brigham Hill road to the Riverside Cemetery according to plans made by the Road Commissioner's and raise and appropriate money therefor

Art 11th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate One hundred dollars to fence in and mark the burying ground of the Praying Indians

Art 12th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars to grade lots in North Grafton Cemetery.

Art 13th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Three hundred and fifty Dollars for the use of the trustees of Riverside Cemetery. the same to be used in grading lots painting and repairing fence etc.

Art 14th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred Dollars to complete the fence and care for the park opposite the Hotel in North Grafton.

Art 15th To see if the Town will pass any by-law for the disposition of trust funds as may be placed in the care of the Treasurer as provided in Chapter 82. Section 17 of the Public Statutes or act thereon.

Art 16th To see if the Town will elect an Agent to defend any suit that may be brought against the Town

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post-Office's in North Grafton Farnumsville Fishervill and Saunderswill seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

Worcester S.S. May 29-1891

H F Allen
Pezley Goddard
L M Rice
F E Huckins

Selectmen of Grafton

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville and Fishervill and Saunderswill on Friday the twenty seventh day of May current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed James Carney Constable of Grafton

A true copy of warrant and return. Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Grafton June 6th 1891

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall at 12-30 O'clock P.M. today

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and appointed Herbert F Allen Lyman M Rice & F E Huckins and Perley Goddard tellers they were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. and called for a ballot for Moderator

Art 1 A ballot was taken for Moderator the check list being used Eight votes were cast all for Lyman M Rice who was declared elected and took the chair William C Fletcher a Constable was appointed to take charge of the ballot-Box. and sworn by the Moderator.

H C Greenwood as Republican and M H Prout as Democrat were sworn a ballot-clerk having ~~been~~ previously been appointed by the Selectmen the sample ballot and cards of instruction were posted in the voting shelves and around the Hall as required by law.

Herbert F Allen Francis E Huckins Perley Goddard were appointed as tellers and sworn by the Moderator The ballot-box was then opened examined and shown to be empty the register standing 000.

The polls were declared open at One O'clock P.M.

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted that the polls be closed at five O'clock P.M.

Art 3 taken up.

Report of Committee on North Street Drainage

The Committee made the following report

The Committee consisting of the Selectmen and the Road Commissioners appointed at the Annual meeting in March 1890 to act upon an article in the warrant "To see what the Town will do to dispose of the surface water from North Street and the east side of the common and entering the land of H. S. Warren" began their work by looking over the ground and concluded to employ an Engineer to make a survey and estimate of cost of a culvert, and at a late meeting they presented plans and estimates as per plan shown at at the meeting and now on file in the Town Clerk's office In view of the

cost about $4500.00 and not feeling sure that they had secured the best plans they did not feel like urging the acceptance of them and asked further time to consider the matter and report at a future meeting.
At the March Meeting in 1891, A J Hall H S Warren and Geo W Estabrooks were added to the Committee. After consulting it was thought best acting upon the surgestion of a number of citizens as well as their own ideas to employ Mr Allen the Worcester City Engineer to survey and give them a plan for a system of sewerage that could be built in sections from time to time as the Town saw fit to do the work, and when complited we should a perfect system, but to afford immediate relief to North Street we would recommend the adoption of a portion of the plans which are presented to you at this time. We think the whole Town will agree with us that some immediate action should be taken to protect the citizens of this portion of the Town from serious and frequent damage from the surface water which it certainly belongs to the Town to take care of.

A True Copy H F Allen Chairman of
Attest Committee
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the committee
Motion of Chas H Nelson that we pass over the article motion carried.
Art 4 taken up.
Motion to pass over carried
Art 5 taken up.

South Bridge near McClellan $300.00

On Motion voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to rebuild the south bridge near the estate of the late John McClellan
Art 6 taken up.

Bridge East North Grafton Station $143.90

Motion of Dr W E Rice that we appropriate the sum of one hundred and forty three 90/100 dollars to rebuild the bridge East of the North Grafton

Station the same to be taken from the unexpended money appropriated for the bridge near Huckins mill motion carried

Art 7 taken up.

The following motion was made by W. P. Knight.

Repairs on road leading from Knight to Heller Bridge 2 mo.

That the Selectmen be authorized to repair said road and that the sum of two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to pay for the same said sum to be assessed in the Taxes of 1892. carried

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted to reconsider so much of the last vote as related to assessing the money by Tax of 1892 motion carried

On motion of Henry F Wing it was voted that the money be assessed in the Tax of 1891.

Art 8 taken up.

Voted to pass over the Article

Art 9 taken up.

Culvert - [illegible] - [illegible] of Hill [illegible] 85.

On motion of John E McClellan it was voted to appropriate the remainder of the unexpended money for the Huckins bridge and that we raise and appropriate enough more money from the Tax of 1891 to make one hundred and five 5/100 dollars.

Art 10 taken up.

Alteration of road near B Hudson

On motion of A. M. Goulding it was voted that the Selectmen be instructed to build the road according to plans by Asa H Allen and approved by the Road Commissioners and that we raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars by Tax of 1891.

Art 11 taken up

Burying ground Praying Indians

On motion of Henry F Wing it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars to fence in and mark the burying ground of the Praying Indians

Art 12 taken up.

Grafton Cemetery 3/2 mo.

On motion of A G Getchell it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred to grade lots in North Grafton Cemetery

Art 13 taken up.
On motion of Joseph A. Dodge it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery the same to be used in grading lots painting and repairing fence, etc.

$350 in Riverside Cemetery

Art 14 taken up.
Motion made by Dr W. E. Rice that we raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to complete the fence and care for the park opposite the Hotel at North Grafton

$100 Park opposite Hotel No. Grafton

Art 15 taken up.
On motion of Henry F. Wing it was voted to accept of Sect 17 of Chap 82 of the Public Statutes and that the Town pay five (5) per cent per annum
The section is as follows
Any person holding or occupying or interested in a lot in a public burial place of a City or Town may deposit with the treasurer of such city or town a sum of money not exceeding Five hundred dollars for the purpose of providing for the preservation and care of such lot or its appurtenances; which sum shall be entered upon the books of the treasurer, and held in accordance with the provisions of the ordinances or by-laws of such City or Town in relation to burial.
A City or Town may pass such ordinances or by-laws as may be necessary for the purpose of the section and not repugnant to law; and may receive such money for said purposes and may allow interest thereon at a rate not exceeding six per cent a year.

Accept Sect 17 Chap 82 P. S.

Art 16 taken up.
On motion of Alden M Bigelow that the Chairman of the board of Selectmen whoever he may be be the Agent of the Town amended by H F Allen that it be the Clerk of the board. Amendment accepted by the mover and the motion was carried

Clerk Agent.

The hour of five having arrived the Polls were closed the Register on the Ballot-box standing at 50 the box was opened and ballots counted aloud by the Moderator and found to be fifty the names checked on the check list were then counted by H F Allen one of the Tellers and found to be

the same 50
The vote for Selectman was as follows
Whole number of ballots fifty
David Barrett had one
David S Barrett " one
Thomas Wilmarth " forty six
Blanks two

And Thomas Wilmarth declared elected and sworn by the Moderator

Alden M Bigelow called the attention of the town to some of the actions of the board of Overseers of the Poor by calling upon Mr Joseph A Dodge. Mr Dodge said he had been appointed Administrator of the estate of Lyman Wood who died last October at the Alms house, he said there had been left to this Mr Wood some were about five hundred dollars, he said that two of the heirs their representatives had paid the funeral expenses now all the heirs asked was, that these expenses be paid out of the money the balance should all go to the town, they were willing to say nothing about any other bills that they had. the overseers were not willing to allow this, they have already made some expenses in offering the Administrator and now threatened that if the Administrator would not accept their proposition they would take it to the Supreme Court. Mr Dodge explained the case read letters that he had received from Mr Scott the Attorney for the Overseers, after which Dr W E, Rice made the following Motion as expressing the minds of the meeting. That the Overseers be requested not to contest this case any further. and that the Selectmen be instructed to notify the board of Overseers of this action. Motion carried unanimously

Motion to dissolve this meeting carried,

A true record
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote at elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty second day of June current at eight o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit,

Art 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2 To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen laying out a new road in Centreville running northerly from the County-road 36 1/10 rods in length according to plan made by A. H. Allen June 4-1891. and raise and appropriate money therefor

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as afore said,

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Ninty one

H F Allen
L M Rice
F E Huckins
Thomas Welmarth

Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. June 15-1891

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville & Saundersville on Monday and return the fifteenth day of June at 10-40 A.M. current — Attest being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, Edwin A. Howe as therein directed James Carney Constable of Grafton Town Clerk

Grafton June 22 – 1891

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock P. M on Monday June 22nd and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk. Herbert F Allen Lyman M Rice Francis E Huckins Perley Goddard were appointed tellers and sworn by Town Clerk.

Art 1st taken

A Ballot was taken for Moderator. There was eight votes cast all for Lyman M Rice who was declared elected and took the chair.

Art 2nd taken up

The Selectmen made the following report

We the Selectmen of Grafton having in charge the Town roads and ways for the current year having complied with the requirements of the law in relation to notifying the owners of land over which we were petitioned to lay out a town way have laid out said town way as follows

Begining at the county road leading from Grafton Centre to Brigham Hill on the north side of said county road near the residence of J. A. Goddard running north 3° east 10 3/5 Rods to a stake at the corner of wall thence north 9¼° East 17 9/10 Rods to a stake at the corner of corporation land thence North 9¼° west 7 23/40 rods to a stone set in the ground.

Said road is 36 1/10 Rods in length and contains 23 7/10 rods 2 Rods wide 33 rods and then widening to 3 rods wide at the Corporation land. The Selectmen recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars to build said road and fifty dollars for land damages and fencing

H F Allen
L M Rice
F E Huckins
Perley Goddard
Thos Witmarsh

Selectmen of Grafton

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen
S A Smith made a motion that the Selectmen be instructed to build the road according to the report and to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars as recommended.
Amendment by J Augustus Goddard
that the South West board be moved to correspond with the deed of Corporation land.
Amendment carried and the motion as amended was carried.
Voted to dissolve the meeting
A true Record
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

As the Selectmen failed to file their report with the Town Clerk the above action was void
E. A Howe
Town Clerk

Worcester SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the eighth day of September next at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles To wit.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To see if the town will raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars, to complete a sidewalk on the Common in Grafton Centre

Art 3rd To see if the Town will raise and appropriate One hundred dollars for repairs in Fairview Cemetery.

Art 4th To see if the Town will accept the road laid out by the Selectmen in Centreville, over land of J. A Goddard, according to plan made by J. W Ellis July 15th 1891, and raise and appropriate money to build the same and pay land damage

Art 5th To see if the town will enact the following By-law to wit: No person shall ride a Bicycle or other vehicle on any of the side-walks of this Town.

Art 6th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate One hundred and fifty dollars to repair the drains, and dispose of the surface water at the intersection of Main, East and Waterville Streets in North Grafton.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumville Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.

H. F. Allen
L. M. Rice
F. E. Hutchins
Perley Goddard
Thomas Wilmarth
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.

Grafton August 31st 1891

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville on Monday the thirty first day of August current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copie of warrant and return

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Sept-8-1891

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall Tuesday September 8th at 7-30 Oclock P.M. who read the Warrant and called for the election of Moderator to preside in said meeting. The Town Clerk appointed the following as tellers and swore them viz:
Herbert F Allen Francis E Huckins
Lyman M Rice Thomas Wilmarth Perley Goddard

Art-1st Lyman M Rice chosen by ballot for Moderator receiving nine votes, who took the chair.

Art 2 Motion of H. F Allen that we appropriate two hundred Dollars to complete a sidewalk on Common in Centre to be raised by Tax of 1892 motion carried

Art 3 Motion of J. A Dodge the we appropriate one hundred dollars for repair in Fair view Cemetery to be raised Tax 1892

Art 4 The Selectmen made the following report

Grafton Aug 24-1891

Report of Selectmen Centreville Road

We the Selectmen of Grafton having complied with the requirements of the law in regard to laying out highways have laid out a road in Centreville. Beginning at a pin in the northerly line of a County road leading from Grafton Center over Brigham Hill near the house of J. A. Goddard. Thence N 2° 03 E One hundred seventy five and one tenth (175.1) feet to a point. Thence N 6° 15 E Two hundred ninety five and nine tenths (295.9) feet to a point. Thence No 8° 47 W. One hundred twenty five and two tenths (125.2) feet to a stone bound. The line above described is the easterly line of said road and said road is laid out westerly from said line.

Said road is Thirty three (33) feet in width for a distance of Five hundred forty four and five tenths (544.5) feet northerly from said County road. from this point said road widens to a width of forty nine and five tenths (49.5) feet at its northerly end.

And recommend the sum of Fifty dollars for land damage and fencing

over

H. F. Allen
F. E. Huckins
Pezley Goddard
Thomas Wilmarth
L. M. Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Filed in the Office of Town Clerk Grafton
August 24 - 1891 9h - 25m P. M.
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen motion of Solon F Smith that the Selectmen be instructed to build the road according to the report and to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same Year of 1892 Amendment by Silas E Stowe that the one hundred and fifty dollars be for building the road and for land damage and fencing. Amendment carried
Motion as amended carried.

Art 5th Motion that we adopt the following By-Law
By-Law Bicycle no person shall ride a Bicycle or other Vehicle on any of the Side-walks of this Town, carried
Voted on motion of Thomas Wilmarth that F. E. Huckins be a Committee to present them to the Superior Court for their approval.

Art 6 Take up
Voted (motion by E S Holbrook) that we raise and appropriate One hundred and fifty dollars to make the repairs called for in the warranty Deed of 1892. Amendment by S H Knowlt that the Selectmen be instructed to see what if any liability is attached to the G & U R R Co. and if they will bear any part of the expence. Amendment carried Motion carried as amended.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Worcester ss.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court.

Respectfully represents the undersigned that at a meeting legally called of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in said County qualified to vote in elections and town affairs holden on the eighth day of September A.D. 1891 a certain by-law which is hereto annexed was enacted

And your petitioner respectfully asks that said by-law may be approved by said Court

Francis E. Huckins

The following is a Copy of Art 5 of Warrant for Town Meeting held in Grafton Sept 8 1891
"Art 5 To see if the Town will enact the following By-Law. to wit. No person shall ride a bicycle or other vehicle on any of the sidewalks of this Town"

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held Sept 8 1891 it was voted to adopt the following as a By-Law of this Town, to wit:
No person shall ride a bicycle or other vehicle on any of the sidewalks of this Town.
Voted that Francis E. Huckins be a committee to present it to the Superior Court for their approval

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of Art. and of the vote passed at the meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held Sept 8 1891

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Received and recorded Oct 5 1891 St. Wm. P. M. Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

Worcester ss.
Superior Court August Sitting 1891
The foregoing by-law is approved this eleventh day of September A.D. 1891
By the Court
Attest
F S Johnson
Clerk

A Copy
Attest
F S Johnson
Clerk
(L.S.)

Worcester SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton on Tuesday the third day of November, next at nine O'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorny General, of this Commonwealth; also, for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court, for the twelfth Worcester Representative District and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester and for a Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester and for a Register of Deeds for the ~~County of~~ Worcester District.

And to vote on the following proposed amendments to the Constitution viz:-

1st Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and representatives be approved and Ratified?

2nd Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution making a majority of members a quorum in each branch of the general Court be approved and ratified

The votes for all of the above Officers and amendments will be received on one ballot, deposited in the Ballot-Box each vote to specify the officer and amendment voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite the name and amendments

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the Officers at 9-30 O'clock, A.M. and may be closed at 1-30 O'clock P.M. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of of sunset as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

H. F Allen Selectmen
F E Huckins of
Perley Goddard Grafton
L M Rice

Worcester S S.

October 24 1891

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested Copys thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville on Saturday the twenty fourth day of October current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

Grafton Nov 3rd 1891

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town met at the Town Hall this day at nine O clock A M. meeting called to order by H F Allen Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

On Motion of Thomas P Bryce it was voted that the Polls be closed at four (4) O clock P M,

Joseph A Dodge Republican and James E Carney Democrat were sworn by the Town Clerk as inspectors and Michael H Broad Democrat and William E Fowler Republican Deputy inspectors they having ~~been~~ previously been appointed by the Selectmen

The first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered to the presiding officer and his receipt taken therefor
The sample ballots and cards of instruction were posted as required by law.
McHenry Prout William E Donovan F M Elliott Democrats and Arthur M Bigelow and William E Fowler Republicans were appointed as Tellers by the Select men and sworn by the Town Clerk
The Ballot Box was opened and examined by the Election Officers and found to be empty with register standing over it was then locked and the key given to William E Fletcher a Constable in charge sworn by Town Clerk at 9-30 A M. the Polls were declared open
At 10 O'clock AM by unanimous consent the box was opened and fifty ballots was counted out by the presiding Officer and at five other different times the box was opened by unanimous consent and fifty vote counted out at each and every time by the presiding officer in a loud voice
When the Polls closed at four (4) O'clock P M. the register stood Seven hundred eleven (711) the ballots were then counted out by Perley Goddard one of the Selectmen counting three hundred forty three (343) votes making in all five hundred forty three (643) votes cast.
The Check list was then counted by William E Fowler one of the Tellers ~~in~~ a loud voice and it was found that five hundred forty three (643) names were checked as voting
Joseph A Dodge Republican and James E Carney Democrat were appointed Tellers and sworn by the Town Clerk
The following is the result of the vote

For Governor

Charles H Allen	three hundred forty one	341
Charles E Kimball	twenty	20
Harry W Robinson	One	1
William E Russell	Two hundred fifty five	255
Blanks	Twenty six	26
	Total	643

Lieutenant Governor

John W Corcoran	two hundred forty one	241
William H Haile	three hundred forty six	346
William J Shields	three	3
Augustus R Smith	twenty one	21
Blanks	thirty two	32
	Total	643

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Joseph D. Cadle	two	2
Elbridge Buckman	two hundred twenty nine	229
William M Olin	three hundred forty two	342
Alfred W Richardson	twenty one	21
Blanks	forty nine	49
	Total	643

Treasurer and Receiver General

Charles Fride	one	1
James S Grinnell	two hundred twenty five	225
George A Marden	three hundred thirty eight	338
Samuel Shapleigh	twenty two	20
Thomas A Walker	two	2
Blanks	fifty seven	57
	Total	643

Auditor

William O Armstrong	twenty three	23
John W Kimball	three hundred thirty nine	339
Squire E Putney	two	2
William D T Trefry	two hundred nineteen	219
Blanks	sixty	60
	Total	643

Attorney General

Wolcott Hamlin	twenty	20
Herbert McIntosh	eleven	11
Albert E Pillsbury	three hundred twenty nine	329
George M Stearns	two hundred seventeen	217
James Waldock	one	1
Blanks	sixty five	65
	Total	643

Councillor Seventh Dist.

William Cole	twenty	20
George F Morse	three hundred forty two	342
Ransom C Taylor	two hundred fifteen	215
Blanks	sixty six	66
	Total	643

Clerk of the Courts Worcester County

Alfred H Evans	twenty five	25
Samuel L Graves	two hundred eleven	211
Theodore S Johnson	three hundred forty one	341
Blanks	sixty six	66
	Total	643

County Commissioner Worcester County

Lewis C Prindle	two hundred nineteen	219
Robert O Seesions	twenty nine	29
Emerson Stone	three hundred thirty	330
Blanks	sixty five	65
	Total	643

County Treasurer Worcester

Edward A Brown	three hundred forty three	343
Charles E Burnham	twenty two	22
Washington Trufts	two hundred nineteen	219
Blanks	fifty nine	59
	Total	643

Register of Deeds
Worcester District

Lewis J Johnson	twenty one	21
John B Ratigan	two hundred seven	207
Harvey B Wilder	three hundred fifty	350
Blanks	sixty five	65
	Total	643

Senator Second Worcester District

George P Cooke	two hundred twenty two	222
George K Nichols	three hundred sixty nine	369
Melvin H Walker	nineteen	19
Blanks	thirty three	33
	Total	643

Representatives in General Court
12 Worcester Dist

Thomas P Abbott	eight	8
Fred M Ambrose	two hundred seventy six	276
George H Hero	two hundred two	202
Willard J Hymes	two hundred fifteen	215
George H Rugg	three hundred twenty six	326
Blanks	two hundred fifty nine	259
	Total	1286

Amendments to the Constitution
Qualification of Voters

Yes	two hundred twenty six	226
No	one hundred forty four	144
Blanks	two hundred seventy three	273
	Total	643

Majority a quorum in each branch of the General Court

Yes	two hundred seventy one	271
No	fifty seven	57
Blanks	three hundred fifteen	315
	Total	643

The record of the foregoing having been made the returns were made out and signed. The check list and Ballots were sealed up in seperate packages The unused ballots were sealed up by the inspectors and delivered to the Town Clerk after being properly indorsed as required by law.

The meeting then adjourned

Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Copy of Receipt for Ballots

Grafton Nov 3 - 1891

Received from Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk for the Town of Grafton one package of Ballots said to contain One thousand.

H. F Allen
Presiding officer at the election held this day

A meeting of the Town Clerks of the Towns comprising the Twelfth Worcester Representative District was held at the office of the Town Clerk Westborough November 13th at 12 O'clock, M. for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Representatives to the General Court.
The certificates of the vote for Representatives signed by the Selectmen of the several Towns, were examined and it was found that Fred M. Ambrose of Southborough and George H. Rugg of Grafton were elected, and the certificates required by law were filled out and signed by the Town Clerks.

Statement of the Vote for Representatives to General Court 12th Worcester District.

Names of Candidates	Residence	Berlin	Grafton	Northboro	Southboro	Shrewsbury	Westboro	Total
Thomas P. Abbott	Westborough	5	8	7	7	2	33	62
Fred M. Ambrose	Southborough	91	274	135	121	115	357	1095
George H. Hero	Westborough	19	202	87	117	68	441	934
Willard J. Humes	Grafton	11	215	57	80	48	290	701
George H. Rugg	Grafton	81	326	125	102	121	336	1091
Charles N. Wheeler	Northborough	5		2		1	7	15
Charles L. Leonard	Westborough	5		1		1	15	22
Blanks		67	259	90	97	108	311	932
		284	1284	504	524	444	1790	4830

We, the Town Clerks of the several Towns of the 12th Representative District of Worcester County, certify that the above is a true statement of the returns of votes cast on the third day of November 1891, for Representatives to the General Court, made to us by the Selectmen of the towns in said District.

Frank H. Crossman Town Clerk of Berlin
Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk of Grafton
Gilman B. Howe Town Clerk of Northboro
Henry A. McMaster Town Clerk of Southboro
George E. Stone Town Clerk of Shrewsbury
Henry L. Chase Town Clerk of Westborough

Westborough Mass
Nov 13th 1891
a true copy
attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Worcester SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty first day of December current at 7-30 o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2nd To see if the Town will vote to sell the wood lot bequeathed to the Town by Louisa A R Field, or act thereon

Art 3rd To see if the Town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor regarding regarding their course in the settlement of the Lyman Wood's estate and what instruction, if any the Town will give

Art 4th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate One thousand dollars for Miscellaneous items

Art 5th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for special repairs on the road leading from Grafton Centre to Farnumsville.

Art 6th To see what action, if any the Town will take regarding a suit brought by Josiah Augustus Goddard and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.

H F Allen
F O Hopkins } Selectmen
Perley Goddard } of
Thomas Wilbraath } Grafton
L M Rice

A true record of warrant and return
Attest Edwin A Bowe
Town Clerk

Worcester SS. December 14th 1891

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton North Grafton Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville on Monday the fourteenth day of Dec current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney Constable of Grafton

Grafton Dec 21. 1891

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant - the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall on Monday Dec 21st 1891 at 7-30 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant - and appointed as tellers viz: H F Allen Perley Goddard F E Huckins and Lyman M Rice. and they were sworn by the Clerk

Art 1st A Ballot - was taken for moderator and Lyman M Rice was unanimously elected and took the chair

Art 2nd Motion by Solon F Smith - That it be left in the hands of the Selectmen for them to advertize for bids for said wood-lot - and that they be impowered to reject any or all bids if it be for the interest of the town. motion carried.

Art 3rd motion by Alden M Bigelow That the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to with-draw their appeal in the Lyman Wood case and prosecute their case no further. motion carried.

Art 4th Voted that we raise and appropriate One thousand dollars and that it be raised in the Tax of 1892.

Art 5th Motion to pass over, lost.

Motion that we raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and forty five dollars. to be raised by tax of 1892. Amendment by Chas M Batchelder that it be taken from the thousand dollars raised for miscellaneous items, amendment lost. and the original motion carried

Art 6th Motion of Alden M Bigelow That the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to contest the suit brought against the Town by Josiah Augustus Goddard

Amendment by J H Chickering that the Selectmen settle with Mr Goddard.. Amendment lost.

Amendment by S H Knowlton That the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen to act in the case as in their best judgment is for the interest of the Town, Original motion as amended was passed

Meeting dissolved

A true record
Attest
Edwin A Cone
Town Clerk

Grafton Dec 25 - 1891

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed the ballots used at the Annual Town Election held March 2nd 1891. the packages were destroyed without being opened as directed by law

Also at the same time the package containing the ballots used at the Special Town meeting held June 6 - 1891 was destroyed as directed by law

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

To Charles H Smith of Millbury Mass

We hereby appoint you Police Officer for the Town of Grafton with all the powers of Constable except the power of serving and executing any civil process.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety two

H F Allen
Perley Goddard } Selectmen of the Town of Grafton
L M Rice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester SS. Jan 23rd 1892

Then personally appeared the above-named Charles H Smith who made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of police officer in the Town of Grafton, Mass, pursuant to the requirements of the Statutes of said Commonwealth

Before me
H W Aiken
Justice of the Peace

Grafton January 24th 1892

Received and recorded in Records of the Town of Grafton at Eleven O'clock A. M. Jan 26 - 1892.

A true copy
Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the twenty eighth day of January current at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to the General Court for the Twelfth Worcester Representative District.

The votes for the above Officer will be received deposited in the ballot box, each vote to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 11 O'clock, A. M. and may be closed at 3 o'clock, P. M. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two.

H F Allen
Perley Goddard
Thos Wilmarth
L M Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.

Jan 15th 1892

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville on Friday the fifteenth day of January current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Barney Constable of Grafton

A true Copy of Warrant and return
Attest

Edwin A Cowe Town Clerk

Arthur M Bigelow Republican, M Henry Proust Frank M Elliott and William L Donovan Democrats were appointed Tellers by the Selectmen and Sum by the Town Clerk

Grafton January 26 - 1892

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall at Eleven Oclock A.M. The meeting was called to order by H F Allen chairman of the board of Selectmen

The warrant was read by the Town Clerk

The first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth were delivered by the Town Clerk to the presiding officer and his receipt taken therefor

Motion of John H Carpenter that the Polls be closed at 5 minutes past three o'clock P.M motion carried

The sample ballots and cards of instruction were posted as required by law.

The ballot box was then opened by the Town Clerk and examined by the Election officers and shown to be empty it was then locked and the keys delivered to William H Miles a Constable (previously appointed by the Selectmen) and sworn by the Town Clerk (See margin)

The register in front of the ballot box stood over.

At 5 minutes past Eleven o'clock A.M. ~~the~~ the Polls were declared open.

The ballot box was opened by unanimous consent when the register stood one hundred and twenty nine and the ballots counted out by the presiding officer and it was found that there was one hundred and eleven votes, showing that the Register on the box had not worked correctly publice notice was made of the fact.

The Polls were declared closed at five minutes past three P.M. the register standing one hundred sixty three.

The ballots were counted out by the presiding officer and it was found that there had been cast thirty four more votes after the first time of opening the box.

The names checked on the check list were counted aloud and found to be one hundred and forty five.

The vote was declared as follows.

For Representative to General Court
12 Worcester District

George H Hero of Westborough Forty one	(41)
DeWitt Clinton Nichols of Southboro One hundred two	(102)
Blanks	2
The record of the foregoing vote having been	145

made the returns were made out an signed and the ballots and check list were sealed up in seperate

packages, the Duplicate check list and the unused ballots were sealed up by the Inspectors and all were delivered to the Town Clerk after being indorsed as the law directs

The meeting then dissolved

A true record

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

A meeting of the Town Clerks of the Towns comprising the Twelfth Worcester Representative District was held at the office of the Town Clerk in Westborough, January 30th at Twelve (12) o'clock, M. for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Representative to the General Court; the certificate of the votes for the several candidates, signed by the Selectmen of the several Towns in the district were examined and it was found that DeWitt Clinton Nichols of Southborough Mass was elected and the Certificate required by law was filled out and signed by the Town Clerks.

Statement of Votes for Representative to General Court 12 Worcester District, Mass.

Names of Candidates	Residence	Berlin	Grafton	Northboro	Southboro	Shrewsbury	Westboro	Total
George H Hero	Westborough	3	41	30	22	22	327	445
DeWitt Clinton Nichols	Southboro	23	102	48	37	48	276	534
Blanks			2				9	11
		26	145	78	59	70	612	990

We, the Town Clerks of the several towns of the 12th Representative District of Worcester County, certify that the above is a true statement of the returns of votes cast on the twenty eighth day of January, 1892 for Representative to the General Court, made to us by the Selectmen of the Towns in said District.

F H. Crossman, Town Clerk of Berlin
Edwin A. Howe, " " Grafton
Gilman B. Howe, " " Northboro
Henry A. McMaster, " " Southboro
George E Stone " " Shrewsbury
Henry L Chase " " Westboro

Westborough Mass
January 30th 1892

A true copy

Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Know all men by these Presents.
That I Josiah A. Goddard of Grafton in the County of Worcester in consideration of one hundred and five dollars to me paid by the Inhabitants of Grafton a municipal corporation in said County the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. Do hereby waive all irregularities in the notice or other proceedings and all informalities in the laying out of a certain road over my land in Centreville in said Grafton which layout was made by the Selectmen on August 24 A.D. 1891, and accepted by the Town September 8 A.D. 1891, and release said town its successors and assigns of and from all damages to my estate occasioned by said location and laying out said road.

Witness my hand and seal this Sixteenth day of Feb A.D. 1892.

In presence of J. A. Goddard (L.S.)
David L. Fisher and
Perley Goddard.

A true Copy
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Feb 19 1892.
I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed the ballots cast at the election held Nov 3 1891 without examining the same, and that the envelope containing the said ballots has not been opened since the said election, said ballots were destroyed by burning

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Annual Meeting March 7th 1892

Town Warrant

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the seventh day of March next at 7½ o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

" 2nd To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the Common Committee for three years, one member of the Committee on Town House for three years, Three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, and eight Constables for one year and to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question "Shall licence be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquor in this Town" The votes for all of the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 8 o'clock, A. M. and may be closed at 12 o'clock M. or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of eight, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct. Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3rd To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon,

Art 4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon,

Art 5th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the Compensation of the Collector, and act thereon

Art 6th. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon,

Art 7th To see what compensation the Town will allow Fireman for the ensuing year and act thereon,

Art 8th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon

Art 9th To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year,

Art 10th To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town.

Art 11th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector, may use.

Art 12th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon

Art 13th To see if the Town will widen the bridge in North Grafton on the Easterly side, and appropriate money therefor.

Art 14th To see if the Town will accept Sections 74-75-76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes relating Road Commissioners.

Art 15th To see if the Town will take some action to better protect the road and sidewalk near the Catholic Church in North Grafton from surface water,

Art 16th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to deed the wood land bequeathed to the Town by Louisa A Field to Ashley W. Rice according to sale heretofore made by them.

Art 17th To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of their School Committee.

Art 18th To see if the Town will vote to build Tomb in Riverside Cemetery and appropriate money therefor.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not; and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety two,

H F Allen
F E Huckins
Perley Goddard
Thomas Wilmarth
Lyman M Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.

Feb 27 - 1892

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville on Saturday the 27th day of February current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the Warrant and return

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Annual Meeting March 7th 1892

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled in the Town Hall at One O'clock P.M. this day and the following business was transacted,
The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant for the meeting and called for a vote for Moderator
The Clerk appointed H F Allen L M Rice Alden M Bigelow
Art 1 and M Henry Prout to receive sort and count the votes for Moderator and the oath administered by the Town Clerk.
Seven votes was cast all for Lyman M Rice he was declared elected and took the chair
Art 2 Prayer was offered by Rev Morse
Motion made by Herbert F Allen that the Polls be closed at 1.30 O'clock P.M.

Motion of Chas M Batchelder that we take up Art 5 carried

Art 5 On motion of Chas M Batchelder that the Compensation of the Collector be one per cent. That no discount be allowed for the prompt payment of Taxes. That Poll Taxes be payable on demand. That all taxes payable on or before Oct 1st all taxes remaining unpaid after that date be subject to Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum and all legal costs for collection motion carried

On motion of Chas M Batchelder it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby we voted to close the Polls, 1.30 o clock
Motion by C M Batchelder that the Polls be closed at 2 o'clock P.M. motion carried.
A Package containing Twelve hundred ballots was then delivered to M Henry Prout and William E Fowler ballot clerks and their receipt taken by the Town Clerk
Herbert F Allen, Francis E Huckins, and Perley Goddard were appointed to check the names and sworn by the Moderator
The Moderator appointed as Tellers Thomas Wilmarth Elisha D Holbrook, Alden M Bigelow, Republicans and William E Donovan Thomas J Ryan, James E Carney Democrats and oath administered by Moderator,
The sample ballots and cards of instruction were posted in the the voting shelves and around the Hall as required by law.
The ballot box was unlocked opened and shown to be empty it was then locked and the keys given to William H Miles the Constable in charge who was sworn by the Moderator
Art 2nd The Polls were declared open at 8 O'clock a.m.
When the Register showed 210 by unanimous consent the box was opened and the Moderator counted out one hundred ballots (100) in a loud voice, and at five other times the box was opened before the time of closing the Polls and fifty ballots counted out each time in the same manner as the first one hundred. The Polls were closed at 2 O'clock P.M. the Register standing six hundred twenty (620). the box opened and all the ballots counted out two hundred and sixty one (261) making in all six hundred eleven votes cast. The names on the check list were counted in a loud voice by William E Fowler, and it was found that six hundred and eleven names were checked.
Samuel Nichols, Frank H Prentice, and William E Fowler Republicans and M Henry Prout Democrat were appointed

Tellers by the Moderator and Sworn by him
Motion by Herbert F Allen that when we adjourn it be until Saturday next at 1 O'clock P.M. motion carried.
The following is the result of the ballot
The Moderator declared the result of the ballot for

Town Clerk

Whole number of ballots 611
Edwin A Howe ~~Four~~ Hundred thirty-six 436
Blanks One hundred seventy five 175

Edwin A Howe declared elected and sworn by the Moderator
The Town Clerk then declared the vote for Town officer as follows

For Selectmen

Whole number of votes 3055
Herbert F Allen ~~Three~~ hundred ninety (390)
Arthur M Bigelow Two hundred sixteen (216)
Henry E Brooks three hundred thirty three (333)
Frederick A Dodge three hundred forty seven (347)
Perley Goddard four hundred twenty seven (427)
Francis E Hickins two hundred eighty eight (288)
Sumner F Leonard Ninety seven (97)
John E McClellan one hundred seventy nine (179)
Frank E Venlan two hundred sixty nine (269)
Blanks five hundred nine (509)
Herbert F Allen, Henry E Brooks, Frederick A Dodge, Perley Goddard and Francis E Hickins declared elected all but Frederick A Dodge, sworn by the Moderator F A Dodge sworn by Town Clerk Mar 12-1892

For Treasurer

Whole number of votes 611
Henry F Wing ~~four~~ hundred eighty three (483)
Perley Goddard One (1)
Blanks one hundred twenty seven (127)
Henry F Wing declared elected Sworn by Town Clerk Mar

Assessor for three years

Whole number of votes 611
Silas E Howe ~~four~~ hundred twenty eight 428
Blanks one hundred eighty three 183
Silas E Howe declared elected Sworn by Town Clerk Mar 14

Tax Collector 1 year

Whole number of votes 611
Edwin A Howe four hundred fifty two (452)
William C Fletcher One (1)
John B Scott One (1)
Blanks one hundred fifty-seven (157)
Edwin A Howe declared elected

Overseer of the Poor 3 years

Whole number of votes 611
Erastus Adams two hundred eighty-six (286)
Amos G Getchell two hundred eleven (211)
Blanks one hundred thirteen (113)
Erastus Adams declared elected Sworn by L K Leeland oath on file J.P.

Town House Committee 3 years

Whole number of votes 611
Henry F Wing four hundred forty nine (449)
David L Fiske One (1)
Blanks one hundred sixty one (161)
Henry F Wing declared elected

School Committee 3 years

Whole number of votes 611
Joseph A. Dodge two hundred eighty-two (282)
D Webster Norcross two hundred eighty-seven (287)
Blanks forty one (41)
D Webster Norcross declared elected.

Trustee of Riverside Cemetery 5 years

Whole number of votes 611
Charles L Pratt four hundred twenty two (422)
B A. Hudson one 1
Blank one hundred eighty-eight (188)
Charles L Pratt declared elected

Trustee of Fairview Cemetery 5 years

Whole number of votes 611
Henry C Wood three hundred ninety four (394)
Blanks two hundred seventeen (217)
Henry C Wood declared elected

Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery 5 years

Whole number of votes 611
George H Huckins two Hundred eighty (280)
Samuel H Knowlton one hundred sixty (160)
Blank one hundred seventy one (171)
George H Huckins declared elected

Committee on Common 3 years

Whole number of votes 611
Henry F Wing four hundred fifteen (415)
David L Fiske one (1)
Blank one hundred ninety-five (195)
Henry F Wing declared elected

Auditors 1 year

Whole number of votes 1833
Andrew J Hall three hundred ninety-nine (399)
Frank M McGarry three hundred seventy eight (378)
Oliver M Wing four hundred seven (407)
B F Gibson one (1)
Blank six hundred forty eight (648)
Andrew J Hall Frank M McGarry and
Oliver M Wing declaired elected

For Constables 1 year

Whole number of votes 4888
James Carney four hundred twenty nine (429)
Stephen Denning three hundred forty one (341)
Frank Fay two hundred fifty five (255)
Amos G Getchell three hundred eleven (311)
James Gleason three fifty-eight (358)
Nelson H Hildrith two hundred sixty four (264)
Frank P Kelley two hundred sixty three (263)
William H Miles three hundred thirteen (313)
William Storrie Jr two hundred sixty five (265)
Charles W Wilder two hundred eighty-eight (288)
William C Fletcher one (1)
Blank Eighteen hundred (1800)
James Carney Sum by moderator, Stephen Denning, Amos G Getchell Sum by Tow clerk,
James Gleason Sum by T Clerk, Nelson H Hildrith Sum by Tow Clerk, William H Miles Sum by tow clerk,
William Storrie Jr. Sum by L K Leeland Jr on file and Charles W Wilder were declared elected

License

Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town
Whole number of votes 611
Yes two hundred forty eight (248)
No two hundred forty eighty (280)
Blank eighty three (83)

The record of the foregoing votes having been made the votes used were sealed were sealed up and the unused ballots Check list and Duplicate list were sealed up in separate packages and delivered to the Town Clerk after being properly indorsed as required by law.

On motion of Herbert F Allen it was voted to adjourn

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton March 12th 1892
One Oclock P.M

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall pursuant to adjournment from the seventh day of March last and transacted the following business viz:

The meeting was called to order by Lyman M Rice Moderator and on Motion of H H Allen it was voted to dispence with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art Record taken up

On Motion voted to choose three fence viewers for the year ensuing by nomination, then choose

David L Fiske
Perley Goddard Sum by Town Clerk mar 12/92
D Webster Norcross " " " " 13/92
Fence viewers for the year ensuing.

By nomination choose
William Loynds
Roland J Artele
as Field Drivers for the year ensuing.

Art third taken up.

On Motion voted to accept the Selectmens report as printed which is as follows

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton:

Your Selectmen respectfully submit their report for the year ending February 1st 1892

Orders have been drawn upon the Town Treasurer in payment of the following bills to the amount of $41,333.59

Selectmens report

Town Officers Salaries.

Selectmen	H F Allen L M Rice Perley Goddard F E Huckins Thomas Wilmarth Ezekiel Fowler		$250.00
Treasurer	Henry F Wing		100.00
Town Clerk	Edwin A. Howe		75.00
Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths,	Edwin A Howe		89.40
Assessors,	Arthur M Bigelow, Silas E Howe, Luther K Leland,	$150.00 96.00 80.00	326.00
Overseers of the Poor,	H L Bannister, S H Knowlton, Silas Vinton,	$125.00 25.00 25.00	175.00
Sexton,	James Gleason A G Getchell	$290.00 132.00	422.00
Election Inspectors,			32.50
Registrars of Voters,	B F Gibson C M Batchelder Aaron Elliot E A Howe		100.00
Tax Collector,	Edwin A Howe		351.56
Constables and Police Officers	William C Fletcher James Carney Dennis Minnehan William H Mike James Gleason Wm P Spencer S N Cole F B French	$362.50 22.75 4.00 26.00 13.00 7.50 50.00 50.00	

Selectmen report cont

Selectmens report Cont.

Constables and Police Officer Cont	F E Fay	$11.50	
	Alex Jefferson	17.50	
	A E Lowell	14.25	
	Amos G Getchell	23.25	
	Fred Moffitt	5.00	
			191.00
School Committee	George H Pratt	$188.75	
	D Webster Norcross	486.85	
	W B Maxwell	90.00	
	E G S Osgood 1891	20.00	
			785.6
Appropriation		$3250.00	
Expended		2918.06	
Unexpended balance		331.94	
Supt. of Schools	Stanley D Holmes		624.99
Appropriation		$450.00	

Schools

Appropriation. High School	$1800.00	1910.57	
" Common "	7500.00	8665.00	
" Books & Stationary	800.00	1518.38	
" Repairs & Fixtures	800.00	1544.60	
" Fuel & Janitors	1400.00	1552.46	
Received from State	134.00		
Interest on Town Bond	65.00		
Truant Officers		23.38	
G K Nichols Rent		100.00	
J W Fairbanks Insurance		22.50	
R S Hood Rent		5.00	
Census		35.00	
			15376.89

Support of Poor *

Appropriation	6400.00		
Received from farm	746.42		
" " Town & State	186.23		
Due " " "	177.00	7509.65	
Decrease of Inventory		241.90	
Selectmens Orders		7267.75	6834.38
Unexpended balance		433.37	

Selectmen's Report cont.

Fire Department

Appropriation	1100.00	
Alden M Bigelow, Chief Engineer		1431.42
Overdraft	331.41	

Hydrant Rental

Appropriation	2500.00	
Grafton Water Co		2500.00

Memorial Day.

Appropriation	100.00	
Post 24 G. A. R.		100.00

Common

Appropriation	500.00	
Committee		500.00

Town House*

Income from Town House	1027.00	
Committee, running expenses		893.01
Income over expenses	133.99	

Street Lights, Center

Appropriation	100.00	
Paid S W Norcross		100.00

Free Public Library

Appropriation	1500.00	
" Dog fund	492.33	
" Delivery to Villages	100.00	
	742.33	
H F Wing Treasurer	1500.00	
" " Dog Fund	492.33	
For delivery to No Grafton	50.00	
" " Farnumsville	25.00	
" " Saundersville	25.00	
		742.33

North Grafton Cemetery

Appropriation	300.00	
J H Smith for trustees		300.00

Fairview Cemetery

Appropriation	100.00	
A L Fisher for Trustees		100.00

Selectmen's report Cont.

Riverside Cemetery

Appropriation	350.00	
J. A. Dodge for trustees		300.00
Unexpended	50.00	

Highways

Appropriation	3000.00	
John E McClellan Superintendent		3028.47
Overdraft	28.47	
Snow bills		234.38

Waterville Bridge

Appropriation	500.00	
John E McClellan		383.43
Transferred to bridge near No Grafton Station	143.90	
" " Repairs Worcester Street	22.67	

Bridge near No Grafton Station

From Waterville Bridge	143.90	
John E McClellan		143.90

Special Repairs Worcester Street

From Waterville Bridge	22.67	
Appropriation June 6th	78.38	
		101.05

Bridge at Saundersville

Appropriation	300.00	
John E McClellan		293.87
Unexpended balance	6.13	

Hudson Avenue

Appropriation	250.00	
John E McClellan	263.84	
Heirs of Daniel Whitney land damage	33.20	
Fencing	5.50	
Overdraft	52.54	302.54

Road to Brigham Hill

Appropriation	200.00	
John E McClellan		200.00

Selectmen's report Cont'd

Goddard Road,

Appropriation	150.00		
John E McClellan		100.00	
J A Goddard land damages		105.00	205.00

Farnumsville Road,

Appropriation	144.00		
J E McClellan			144.00

Road Scraper,

Appropriation	250.00		
J E McClellan			250.00

Park at North Grafton,

Appropriation	100.00		
Paid Franklin Baldwin			93.53
Unexpended balance		6.47	

Sidewalks,

Appropriation	1400.00		
Assessments paid	348.43		
" due	154.22		
John E McClellan			1935.34
Overdraft		32.86	

Prosecution of Liquor Cases

Appropriation	300.00		
Expended			23.00
Unexpended balance	277.00		

Soldiers Aid,

Daniel Berry		12.00	
Margaret A Byron (Dr Gardner)		18.00	
Lydia Platt		28.00	
			58.00

Miscellaneous

Appropriation March 7th	1000.00		
" Dec 21st	1000.00		
E F Lawrence Printing Reports		109.00	
" " Town ballots		21.50	
E A Hare defence printing		4.00	
E Fowler burying Horse		6.00	

Selectmens report Cont.

S Beauregard, putting up stalls	2,10
L M Rice expense printing reports	10,25
William Geleneau book-case for Caut Rom	43,50
James Gleason burial Geo W Hastings	35,00
" Repairs hearse	1,00
Paul Leterneau for board of health	1,00
Henry Miles fire warden forrest fire Apr 3rd	4,05
" " " " " " " 22nd	40,20
" " " " " " 28th	8,90
H F Wing. license blanks	4,00
John E McClellan. extra blade for scraper	8,00
A G Getchell fire warden forrest fire Apr 22nd	86,05
W E Fowler. legal service	20,00
J E McClellan freight on scraper	6,47
D S Bassett. forrest fire May 10th	54,80
C A Allen, survey for sewerage	186,68
H M Wilson. report for Assessors	10,00
L Farwell, water trough	10,00
C F Lawrence printing ballots	10,75
E A Howe, expense	1,00
W H Miles. forrest fire, May 9th	1,00
A J. Ford Mowing Farmumsvile Cemetery	4,00
J H Carpenter, Stationary	1,80
Sanford & Co. collectors books	6,50
Henry Mann. mowing old cemetery.	20,00
C F Lawrence, Printing	7,25
H J Russell, Repairing hearse. Centre	44,65
F A Jewett. Board of Health	10,00
H J Russell Repairing hearse No Grafton	62,75
A G Getchell forrest fire May 10th	4,95
James Carney Posting Warrents etc	18,00
L K Leland Stationary for Assessors	9,37
A G Getchell, burial Philip. Clark	35,00
Perley Goddard water trough	5,00
A J Kirby lunch for Tellers Town Meeting	4,95
Saunders Cotton Mills drain	20,17
W E Rice vaccination school children	179,00
" " recording births	9,00
" " board of health	8,00
O B Wood printing voting lists	28,50
E O Lindley use of Hall for Registrars of voters No 6.	1,00
S E Crombe water trough	5,00

Selectmen's Report cont

F. P. Goulding legal service from Jan 1889 to Jan 24, 1892	220,25
Dr W. H. Lincoln expert-witness Kennott case	25,00
W. E. Farber, witness Kennott case	17,07
A. H. Fetchell repairing hearse No Grafton	2,25
James Gleason " " Center	35
Edwin Beauregard putting up voting Shelves	5,00
James Carney keeper of lock up	5,50
" " Posting warrants	11,50
Selectmen travelling expenses postage &c	21,68
Physicians recording births	20,25
Town Clerk express, postage &c	21,00
J. W. Ellis, surveying	16,50
J. E. McClellan tools for highway	3,38
" " Repairs of tools	9,46
" " Guide-boards	10,00
Advertising wood land	5,50
J. E. McClellan painting Fisherville bridge	27,00
	1215,83
	41333,59

Receipts

Cash on hand as per report	4189,71	
Borrowed on notes	1000,00	
All other sources	48447,56	
		62637,27

Expended

Selectmen's orders	41,333,59	
Town notes paid	8500,00	
All other payments	12803,68	
		62637,27

Financial Statement Feb. 1st 1892.

Debt of the Town

Bonds issued, 1889	$71000,00	
Note to Grafton Savings Bank	1500,90	
		72500,90

Available Assets.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	947,64
" " " " Overseers of Poor	300,00
" " " Collector of Taxes	269,00
Due from State - Military aid 1891	732,00
" " other towns for support of Poor	175,00
	2423,44

Uncollected Taxes 1890	2425.64	
" " 1891	240.00	
Personal property (Town farm)	524.10	
Due from State Soldiers burial	38,320.50	
	70.00	
		70930
Debt less available assets		65406.93
Net debt, February 1st 1892	65406.93	
" " " 2nd 1891	60527.54	
		4879.41
Special appropriations to be raised by taxation in 1892 and paid by us.		
Sidewalks in Centre	200.00	
Fairview Cemetery	100.00	
Goddard Road	150.00	
Special repairs, Farmingville Road	144.00	
Miscellaneous	715.83	
		1309.83
Amount paid on Schools for 1892	831.25	
Overdrafts	224.98	
		3074.23
		4384.06

Selectmen report book.

We have examined the above report and find it correct,

D. N. Gibbs
A. J. Hall } Auditors

Unavailable Assets.

School books owned by the Town	$4126.57
3 fire engines and fixtures	500.00
1 Hook and Ladder carriage	200.00
3 Engine Houses	2000.00
1 lock-up	200.00
1 tramp house	125.00
3 Hearse houses	500.00
3 Hearses	500.00
11 School Houses	25000.00
Furniture of Town Hall and office	850.00
Free public Library	5000.00
Town farm and buildings	9000.00
Town House	25000.00
	73001.57

Selectmen report book

Appropriated 1891	Appropriations	We recommend 1892
	Town Bond, No 9	500,00
3000,00	Interest on town debt	3000,00
1800,00	High School	1800,00
7500,00	Common "	6000,00
1400,00	Fuel & Janitor	1400,00
800,00	Books & Stationary	800,00
800,00	Repairs & Fixtures	800,00
1100,00	Fire Department	1100,00
3000,00	Highway	3000,00
1500,00	Free Public Library (Dog Fund)	
6000,00	Support of Poor	6000,00
100,00	Memorial Day	100,00
50,00	Common	50,00
75,00	Town Clerks Salary	75,00
100,00	Town Treasurer "	100,00
50,00	Library at No Grafton	50,00
25,00	" at Farnumsville	25,00
25,00	" " Saundersville	25,00
	" " Fisherville	25,00
2500,00	Grafton Water Co hydrants	2500,00
100,00	Street Lights or Sidewalks Centre	100,00
100,00	" " " North part of Town	100,00
100,00	" " " South " "	100,00
2075,00	Town Officers except clerk Treasurer & School Committee	2000,00
1000,00	School Committee	400,00
	Superintendent of Schools	750,00
200,00	State Aid	200,00
1000,00	Miscellaneous	1000,00
300,00	Prosecution of Liquor Cases	300,00
250,00	Road Scraper	
	Soldier's Aid, under Chap. 298 Acts 1889	100,00
	G A R Post Relief fund	100,00
	Sidewalk	100,00
Amount to be assessed, 1892		34300,00

Jurors Drawn

William C Brewer — William C Fletcher
Clarence H Crocker — Albert M Goulding
Fred A Dodge — Francis E Huckins
George R Newton

The following is a list of the Jurors submitted by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the Town:

Adams, Erastus
Axtell, Cyrus R.
Baldwin, Franklin
Bannister, Henry L.
Bassett, David S.
Batchelder, Charles M.
Bigelow, Arthur M.
Bigelow, Alden M
Brewer, Thomas H.
Brooks, George B
Brooks, Henry E.
Brown John A. Saunderville
Brown William H.
Chamberlin Edward F.
Chase, Daniel S.
Chickering, Jonas H
Clark, Edward S
Corey, Bernard J.
Crowe, Patrick H
Davis, Lorin S
Davenport, Stearns L.
Dodge, Joseph A.
Elliot, Aaron
Fiske, David L
Fitzpatrick, Edward
Fowler, Augustus
Gannon, Michael
Getchell, Amos G
Gibson, Benjamin F.
Goddard, Perley
Goddard J Augustus
Greenwood H Curtis
Hall Henry
Holbrook, Elisha D.
Howe, Edwin A.
Huckins George H
Keith, Moses A
Knowlton, Samuel H
Knowlton, Albert B
Knight, Willard P.
Leland, Henry R
Leonard, Sumner F.
Lincoln, Dwight E.
Lougee, George P
Lynch, Thomas
Manning, Thomas J
Merchant, William H
Nichols, Harrington L.
Paine, Elias A
Pennock, Samuel D
Pratt, Charles L
Proutt Michael H
Rice, Ashley W
Rice, Lyman M
Riggs, Henry M.
Rogers, Stephen S
Sargent Lucius M.
Sherry, William
Sinclair, E Herbert
Stowe, Lewis A
Stowe, Silas E
Sumner, Clarence
Thomas James H.
Thurber, Edward C
Vinton, Frank E
Walter, George W
Warren, Horace S
Warren, Frank H
Webb, Park H
Whitney, John A
Wood E Edward
Worcester, Franklin

Selectmen report cont.

Respectfully submitted

H F Allen
L M Rice
Perley Goddard
F. E Huckins
Thomas Wilmarth

Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Town Treasurer Report

On Motion voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed

Henry F. Wing, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Grafton

Dr

To Cash from last report		4,189.71
" " Town House Committee Rents of Town House		1027.00
Amount from Taxes		
From E. A. Howe, Collector		35,136.08
Amount borrowed on Town Bonds		
From Grafton Savings Bank		10000.00
" Overseers of Poor		932.67
Deposited for permanent care of lots in Cemetery		
Estate of Hannah S. Puffer	200.00	
" " Sylvia W. Sadmun	100.00	
" " Martha W. Bates	50.00	
		350.00
Amount from Commonwealth, as follows		
Corporation Tax	993.35	
National Bank Tax	680.86	
Military aid	826.50	
Income of School fund	134.56	
Sarah M. Cicco, aid	106.11	
Account of State pauper	266.63	
		3007.51
Amount from County		
Dog Tax		477.02
Amount from Sundries		
From the Master of the House of Correction at Worcester		20.00
" Trial District Court of Eastern Worcester		89.17
" J. E. McClellan, account of Sidewalks		348.43
" D. W. Norcross, books sold		2.68
Amount from Licenses		
Liquor, A. J. Kirby		100.00
" W. L. Ripley		150.00
" Leander White		150.00
" Chas St Germain		150.00
" W. H. Minnehan		150.00
Druggist John Carpenter		1.00
" H. S. White		1.00
" N. M. Allen		1.00
		7003.00

Pool Table Wm Lamour 200.00
" " J LeBlair 4.00
" " W H Tels 2.00
8.00

Auctioneer A G Getchell 2.00
" C R Aylett 2.00
Peddlers E A Willard 11.00
" Alfred Lorange 11.00
26.00
62637.27

Credit

By paid Selectmen's Orders 41,333.59
Town Notes Grafton Savings Bank 8500.00
By paid Interest on notes and Bonds as follows

1891
April Town Bonds $71,000 6 mos 1420.00
Oct 1 " " " " 1420.00
" 31 " Grafton Savings Bank 170.00
3,010.00

By paid State Aid 1770.00
" " National Bank Tax 1637.16
" " County Tax 2037.00
" " Sarah M Greco 106.11
" " Military aid 928.00
" " Insurance Town House 108.00
" " " Poor farm building 66.10
" " " Brick School House 36.50
" " " Town Library 27.50
" " One fourth License fees to State 1751.25
" " Account First District Court of Eastern Worcester 140.95
" " Assessors orders abatements of Taxes 237.57
8846.04
Balance Cash on hand Feb 23rd 1892 947.64
62,637.27

Respectfully submitted.
Henry F Wing
Treasurer

Grafton Feb 23rd 1892

We have examined the above report and find it correct
D N Gibbs
A J Hall } Auditors
A true copy Attest Edwin A Hove
Town Clerk

Treasurer report cont.

Fund for care of Cemetery Lot

Dolly A Thayer fund $200.00 for the permanent care of lot in Riverside Cemetery, deposited in Worcester Five cents Saving Bank

1891 To Cash balance from last report	499
Amount expended on lot	150
Balance of income in hands of Treasurer	349

Respectfully submitted

Henry F Wing
Treasurer

Grafton Feb 1 1892

We have examined the above report and find it correct

Voted to accept the above report as printed

D. N. Gibbs
A. J. Hall } Auditors

State Aid

State aid has been claimed and allowed, under the laws of this Commonwealth, to disabled soldiers and their families and paid by the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, in each month during the past twelve months, the several sums set against their respective names, up to Feb. 1, 1892.

Mrs Catherine Welch	12 mos	2.00	Per month	24.00
" Emelin A. Smith	12 "	4.00	" "	48.00
" Johanna Smith	12 "	4.00	" "	48.00
" Anne Bradley	12 "	4.00	" "	48.00
" Carolin Mitchell	12 "	4.00	" "	48.00
" Mary C Lindsay	2 "	4.00	" "	8.00
" William Carter	12 "	8.00	" "	96.00
Mrs Sarah J Martin	12 "	4.00	" "	48.00
Augustus E Davis	12 "	2.00	" "	24.00
Mrs Almira M Fuller	12 "	4.00	" "	48.00
Wm H Smith	7 "	8.00	" "	56.00
Mrs Elizabeth Harding	12 "	4.00	" "	48.00
John Galligan	12 "	4.00	" "	48.00
Minot Ameden	3 "	4.00	" "	12.00
Jona Nichols	12 "	8.00	" "	96.00
J H Kimball	12 "	8.00	" "	96.00
H J Tyler	12 "	3.00	" "	36.00
Delia Moran	11 "	4.00	" "	44.00
Lydia Platt	9 "	4.00	" "	36.00
Paulina Hastings	4 "	4.00		16.00
				928.00

Respectfully Submitted

We have examined the above report and find it correct

Henry F Wing Treasurer

Accepted as printed

D N Gibbs
A J Hall } Auditors

Treasurer Rep't Cont.

Report of Town House Committee

On motion voted to accept the Report of the Town House Committee as printed which is as follows

Town House Committee in account with Town of Grafton

Dr

To Cash received on Selectmen's order		$893.01
" Amount of Rents from Town House as follows		
" Town Hall 1 year to Feb 1 - 1892	78.00	
" First National Bank to Jan 1 - 1892	225.00	
" Store John O Carpenter " "	265.00	
" Post Office Martin Hickey "	200.00	
" Office E F Brackett " "	60.00	
" Franklin Lodge	84.00	
" Court Room	40.00	
" G K Nichols & Son Steam heat	45.00	
" Grafton National Bank	30.00	
		1027.00
		1920.11

Cr

By paid Town Treasurer as per his receipts		1027.00
General repairs to Town House		
Henry Parker labor	$7.70	
S H Redding painting	8.00	
A J Hall lumber	8.11	
S B Hale labor	5.35	
Wm Gillian "	4.00	
Sundry repairs	9.02	
Geo Clark Sawyer for paper and hanging	52.97	
Town House running expences		95.15
Janitor and Agent for hall	30.00	
Heating	319.00	
Lighting	155.35	
Sundries	23.16	
		527.84
		1920.01

Respectfully submitted

H S Warren
Henry F Wing
H F Allen
} Town House Committee

Grafton Feb 1 - 1892

Approved

D N Gibbs
A J Hall
} Auditors

A true Copy
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Report of Trustees of Fairview Cemetery

Town of Grafton in account with the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery

Cr

1891. Jan 22. By Cash on hand	14,28	
" Lots sold during year	18,12	
Appropriation	100,00	
		132,40

Dr

1891 To P H Perrin, trees	12,00	
" H C Wood, labor	5,00	
McClellan & Emerson, labor	39,00	
J W Ellis, surveying	35,20	
		91,20
Balance on hand Jan 22, 1892		41,20

For the Trustees

A L Fisher Treasurer

Voted to accept as printed

Approved D N Gibbs } Auditors
A J Hall }

On motion voted to lay the following Report on table until next meeting

Town of Grafton in account with the Trustees of the North Grafton Cemetery. Jan 1 1892

Cr

By balance of account Jan 1 1891	16,44	
" Cash received from lots sold	33,00	
" " " of Town	300,00	
		349,44

Dr

To Cash paid for fencing, painting, grading and repairs		341,68
Balance of account Jan 1 1892		7,76

For the Trustees

J H Smith Treasurer

Approved

D N Gibbs }
A J Hall } Auditors

Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

On motion voted to accept the report as printed of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

Town of Grafton in account with Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

1891 Cr

Feb 2	By Balance on hand	$144,39
	" Cash from Town Treasurer	300,00
	" " for lots sold during the year	116,45
	" " from "Slocumb Fund"	7,00
	" " " T C Biscoe " "	4,25
	" " " Pomeroy "	3,25
	" " Sale of iron fence upon the Wheelock and Greene lots	12,85
		588,19

1891 Dr

June 13	To Cash Jas Gleason care of grounds	19,25
July	" " McClellan & Emerson	55,07
Aug	" " Geo W Stratton	21,20
Sept	" " E Beauregard labor on fence	20,63
Oct	" " Geo W Stratton	11,00
	" " Cook & Sons printing	3,50
	" " W H Miles painting	94,67
Nov	" " Jas D Whitney labor on head elms	8,00
	" " Rufus Rhodes " " "	8,00
	" " Arminia Pelletier labor	13,50
	" " Labor on lots	14,05
	" " Thomas Finn labor	28,50
	" " Rufus Rhodes "	27,00
	" " J. A Dodge	6,00
1892 Jan	" " Geo K Nichols & Son bill Coke	39,91
	Andrew J Hall Pain Shingles &c	149,31
	McClellan & Emerson	5,10
	Care of Slocumb lot	7,00
	" " Tinker " Pomeroy fund	3,25
	" " Biscoe "	4,25
		538,69
Feb 17	Balance on hand	49,50

For the Trustees

Joseph A Dodge
Treasurer

Approved

D. N Gibbs
A J Hall } Auditors

A true copy,
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Report of Common Committee

On motion voted to accept as printed the report of Committee on Common, which is as follows

Town of Grafton in account with Committee on Common

1891 Dr

April 15	Paid labor raking Common and Monument lawn	$ 2.25
May 29	" for 25.00 lbs. hardwood ashes and spreading same	20.00
" 30	" grading and weeding walks common and Monument lawn	11.50
June 2	" for Lawn mower	8.03
"	" " rope	.75
Oct	" weeding walks on Common and Monument lawn	5.30
Dec 23	" Gravel and spreading	2.17
		50.00

Cr

By Appropriation	50.00

For the committee

S W Norcross

Approved

D N Gibbs
A J Hall } Auditors

On Motion it was voted that the report of the Overseers of Poor as printed which is as follows.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Receipts

Balance cash on hand, Mar 1st, 1891	$ 300.00
Selectmen's order on Town Treasurer	6834.39
Collected from Cities and Towns	186.23
" " Sales from Farm	746.42
	8,067.04

Expenditures

Almshouse expenses	3,639.75
Paid Cities and Towns	603.79
Aid to paupers out of Almshouse	1,739.50
Hospital bills	672.25
Tramp House expenses	128.16
Travelling expenses, Postage, Stationary &c	50.92
Town Treasurer	932.65
Cash on hand	300.02
	8,067.04

Overseers of the Poor Cont.

Almshouse Expenses

Dr

Warden and Matron	$369,96	
Labor on farm	207,20	
Housework and nursing	219,85	
Medical attendence	164,47	
Medicine and hospital supplies	57,21	
Groceries and provisions	1,326,62	
Dry goods and clothing	427,43	
House furnishing	48,64	
Almshouse repairs	253,44	
Coal	177,24	
Fertilizers	17,00	
Stock	25,00	
Grain and meal	116,01	
Blacksmith-bills	41,39	
Miscellaneous expenses	138,39	
		3,639,75

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Sales of Produce

Milk	370,12	
Hay	159,31	
Potatoes	42,05	
Sweet corn	12,10	
Pork	82,81	
Board	52,31	
Calves &c	27,22	
		746,42
Decrease in inventory		241,90
Net cost of Almshouse		3135,93

For which 1080 weeks support has been furnished at a cost per week of 2,90,+

Number of inmates supported at Almhouse within the year ending Feb 1st - 1890, 30

Died within the year

Eliza Gates Feb 24th Sarah Wheelock, June 16th
John G Holden Dec 14th Ebenezer Gates Jan 27th

Remaining in Almshouse Feb 1st - 1892

Charles Hayden, John Riley, Wm Sawyer, Frank Goodrich, Frank Odlum, Patrick McHenry, Frank Newton, Peter Sweeney, Jaques Parent, John Pogue, Michael Atty, Eliza Stone, Laurene Adams, Lydia Thacher, Mary Serron, Mary Leyden, Peter Sweeney Jr, Austin G. Sherman.

Hospital bills.

Paid for Ann Winn (insane) at Tewksbury		146,00
" " Samuel Hutchinson	"	22,28
Charles Senega	at Bridgewater	146,00
W W Peirce	" Westboro	130,01
Edward A. Wilson	" Worcester	169,46
George L Wheelock	" "	58,50
		672,25

Out-Door Poor

Aid has been granted to persons out of Almshouse as follows,

C Fred Arnold.		2,00
C Frank Nichols		59,34
Leon Bouraeau's family		122,00
Eliza A Adams	insane	154,47
Peter Sweeney		51,32
Polly Fairbanks		42,00
Isabella McIntosh		40,26
Mrs Joseph Wood		167,64
Annie Garland,	State pauper	30,58
Margaret Balcome		124,00
Paul Capistras family		124,51
Anna Benoit and child	settlement in Millbury	84,16
McHenry children		84,16
Mrs William Pluff and family	State pauper	127,00
Mrs Frank Pluff		44,00
Joseph Fleurent.	State pauper	12,00
Edith Masslon	" "	4,00
John McCarty.	settlement in North Brookfield	12,42
Daniel Peters		33,00
Mary Turner		154,29
Thomas Cusack		11,00
Ellen Foley	State Pauper	16,30
Sophie Benoit	" "	87,51
Polk H Conroy	" "	142,51
Estella Monroe	" "	8,00
Edbridge Gerry	Settlement in Millbury	51,00
George B Sprague	" " Sutton	19,00

Report of the Overseers of Poor Book

John G Holden burial	11.50	
Charles Lynch wife Settlement in Weelton	14.00	
George Willey State Pauper	38.00	
Moses Pellitier	4.50	
Mary Forrest	5.30	
Henry Page	4.25	
Eliza Gates burial	8.50	
Mary J Cousins Settlement in Webster	14.00	
Frank Odlum	8.00	
Idvies Gaudette Settlement in Northbridge	6.00	
Margaret Savosae " Webster	8.50	
Sarah Wheelock burial	8.50	
Charles T Jerkins and family wife Settlement in Northbridge	9.00	
A B Mason " "	10.00	
Elizabeth Blaine State Pauper	5.00	
Loring Grey	25.00	
		$1739.50

Cities and Towns

Bills have been paid the following cities and Town for aid to paupers having settlement in Grafton

Lancaster for Jaques Parent		$54.00
Worcester for John Martin	$2.70	
Mary Holdenworth	15.50	
Caroline Flagg	17.50	
Thomas Fishlock	7.00	
Esther Scott	4.00	
Josephine Blanchard	13.00	
		81.95
Millbury for Joseph Bachaw's family	$228.48	
Edward Cola	47.29	
Mary Stone Rice	6.00	
		281.77
Boston for Samuel Hutchinson	27.00	
Almond C Cady	8.00	35.00
Northbridge for Edward Cola		34.00
Lowell for Byron B Ferry		3.57
Natick " John H Gardner		4.50
Brockton for Mary Prout		72.00
Spencer for Joseph Harper's family		67.50
		603.79

Overseer of the Poor Cont

Tramp account.

Paid James Carney for lodging 818 tramps at 12½cts each	$102.24	
Coal	20.35	
Painting	3.57	
		128.16

Receipts from Towns

From Northbridge	11.50	
Worcester	17.00	
Westborough	35.75	
Millbury	61.60	
Wellesley	47.96	
North Brookfield	12.42	
Town Treasurer, received from State Treasury on account of pauper aid	223.38	
		409.61

Summary

Received from Town Treasurer	6834.39	
Paid Town Treasurer	932.67	
Due from Towns and State	177.00	1109.67
		5724.72
Decrease of inventory		241.90
Net cost of Support of Poor		5966.62
Appropriation	6400.00	
Net expenditure	5966.62	
	433.38	

Overseers of the Poor Cont.

Inventory of Personal Property on Town farm Feb. 3, 1892

Ten Cows	250.00
One Bull	30.00
Two Heifers	50.00
One Calf	12.50
Three Horses	400.00
Five Swine	20.00
Eleven Fowls	7.00
625 baskets of corn	250.00
Three harnesses	45.00
One Pair "	25.00
One Team wagon	75.00
Express "	45.00
Two Horse cart	45.00
Two One horse wagons	75.00
Democrat "	35.00
Two Horse Sled	35.00

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Overseers of the Poor — Cont.

One-horse sled	45.00
Sleigh	35.00
Hay ladder	20.00
Horse rake	12.00
Mowing machine	45.00
Horse hoe	5.00
Cultivator	6.00
'A' harrow	10.00
Spring "	20.00
Breed's weeder	2.00
Plows	30.00
Stone drags	5.00
Smoothing drag	4.00
Hay cutter	5.00
Ladders and ladder hooks	11.00
Scales and measures	8.00
Steelyards	2.50
Wheelbarrows	2.00
Baskets	7.50
Blankets and robes	25.00
100 Flour bbls	10.00
17 tons coal	102.00
30 bushels small potatoes	10.50
225 " potatoes	135.00
150 pounds salt-pork	15.00
120 gallons vinegar	18.00
3 " boiled cider	3.00
6 cider barrels	3.00
Vegetables	10.00
5 bbl apples	7.50
100 hay caps	33.00
2 grindstones	10.00
12 cords stove wood	75.00
Stove tools	7.00
Sand screen	6.00
Household goods	900.00
Farm tools	38.00
Other farming tools	100.00
Groceries on hand	60.00
5 bbls flour	30.00
18 tons English hay	324.00
11½ " Meadow	92.00
5 " Corn fodder	35.00
Due from sale of produce	90.00
	3832.50

Appraised February 3, 1892
H R Leland
Geo A Fay } Appraisers
W P Knight

Respectfully submitted
H L Bannister
S H Knowlton } Overseers of Poor
Silas Venton

Approved
D. W. Gibbs
A J Hall } Auditors

Rawson fund

On motion voted to accept the report of Rawson Fund

	$5000,00	
Cash on hand Feb 1, 1891	$1,49	
Income	352,33	
		353,82
Expended for relief	226,45	
Cash on hand Feb 1, 1892	127,37	
		353,82

For the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

L M Rice Clerk

Rep. of Supt. of Highways

On motion it was voted to accept as printed the report of Superintendent of Highways and Bridges, which is as follows

Highways and Bridges

Paid for repairing and maintaining town roads and Bridges under the direction of John E McClellan, Supt.

Worcester road	173,22
Farnumsville "	291,25
Westboro "	128,50
Old " "	105,50
Millbury "	28,70
Upton "	42,50
Old " "	133,30
North Grafton to Shrewsbury Line	132,50
" " " Westboro "	55,50
" " " Henry Wesson's	15,75
McMannus Road	19,00
George Hill, Merrian Dist to Upton line	142,18

Report of Highway Board

Stone road, Upton road to S E Stowers	63.55	
Keith Hill, to Farnumsville	64.95	
Upton Hill	27.00	
River road Wilkinsonville to Rockdale line	267.67	
Saundersville Road	20.15	
Follett road	22.75	
Bullard "	19.00	
Prentice "	21.50	
Sibley "	42.75	
Brigham Hill	268.21	
Leland "	14.65	
Ferry Street	31.35	
North " and Common	69.00	
South Street	35.00	
Church "	38.50	
Oak "	28.50	
Scraping and raking stone, all roads	375.99	
Culverts and drain pipe	111.00	
Bridges	24.32	
Gravel	22.50	
Tools	3.35	
John E McClellan services	177.90	
		3,028.47
Appropriation		3000.00
Over draft		28.47

Extra Bills

Snow bills for 1890	166.33	
Wash out Worcester St	101.05	
Snow bills for 1891	15.75	
		283.13

Special Appropriations for roads etc

Road Scraper		250.00
Appropriation	200.00	

Bridges at North Grafton

Waterville Bridge	333.43	
Allen "	143.90	
		477.33
Appropriation		500.00
Balance	22.67	

Supt of Highway Book

Hudson Avenue

Rebuilding and Widening Road		263.84
Appropriation		250.00
Overdraft		13.84

Saundersville Bridge

Lumber and Labor on same		293.87
Appropriation		300.00
Balance	6.13	

Goddard Road

Building Road		100.00
Appropriation	100.00	

Brigham Hill Road

Work on same		200.00
Appropriation	200.00	

Farnumsville Road

Widening same		144.00
Appropriation	144.00	

Guide Boards

Repainting and Lettering		—
Appropriation	—	

Sidewalks

Appropriation	1000.00	
Sidewalks or Street Lights	200.00	
Special for Common	200.00	
		1400.00
Amount Expended	1935.46	
Less Betterments	502.65	
		1432.81
Over Draft	32.81	

Itemized Account

Centre

North Street Dr	106.92	
Worcester "	21.95	
Oak Street "	117.25	
Millbury "	208.90	
Church "	171.34	
Common "	278.29	
		904.06

Cr

By betterments paid	233.70	
" due	92.37	
		326.07
Balance		578.58

Supt of Highways Cont.

		578.58
Appropriation	333.34	
Special for Common	200.00	
		533.34
Over draft		45.24

South Part of Town

Dr

Farnumsville	134.65	
Fisherville	261.63	
Saundersville	165.31	
		561.59

Cr

By betterments paid	$76.56	
" " due	41.85	
		$118.41
Balance		443.18
Appropriation	$333.33	
For Street Light or Sidewalks	100.00	
		433.33
Over draft		9.85

North Part of Town

Dr

North Grafton	469.22	
Less betterments all paid	58.17	
Balance		411.05
Appropriation	333.33	
Street Lights or Sidewalks	100.00	
		433.33

Cr

Balance		22.28

List of tools on hand Feb 1st 1892

58 Shovels	2 Iron bars	1 Plow
10 Rakes	1 old Road Machine	1 Side scraper
2 Stone forks	1 Gravel Screen	2 Snow plows
11 Picks	1 Mortar bed	1 New Road Machine

Guide Boards

are now maintained and in process of construction for every road in town, except a few cross roads.

John E McClellan
Supt of Streets

Approved

D. N. Gibbs }
A. J. Hall } Auditors

Engineer's Report.

On motion it was voted to accept the report of Engineers of Fire Dept. as printed which is as follows

Alden M Bigelow, Chief Engineer Fire Dept. in account with Town of Grafton

Engineers report

1891	Dr		
May 4.	Paid services of six engineers May 1 1890 & May 1/92		60.00
	" Rescue Hose Co Services	" "	165.00
	Henry S Crippin "	" "	170.00
	Blackstone Engine Co. "	" "	420.00
	Hook & Ladder Co "	" "	160.00
	Alden M Bigelow bill		35.00
	Geo K Nichols & Son "		2.40
	W J Barker "		1.96
Oct 5	Henry C Wood "	muster	25.00
1892 Feb 1	W J Barker "		3.06
	A G Getchell rents		25.00
	A G Kempton bill		14.48
	Geo K Nichols & Son "		8.24
			1090.14
1891	New hose and Apparatus		
Mar 7	Paid G W Simmons & Co. bill for coats		18.50
Nov 2	" W J Feehan bill repairs Hook & Ladder		30.50
Dec 7	" Chas Savage, bill, painting " "		2.00
			51.00
	Repairs on Engine Houses		
Oct 5	Paid Henry Miles, bill painting Rescue Engine House		29.30
Nov 2	" David S Bassett, " repairs a Blackstone Engine "		175.47
1892 Feb 1	" Chas W Mascroft " " on Henry Crippen Hose "		7.00
	Geo K Nichols & Son bill paint & oil for Rescue Engine "		16.00
			227.71
1891	Expense on account of fires		
May 4	Paid Walter E Smith, bill		3.00
Dec 7	" McClellan & Emerson "		21.50
1892 Feb 1	" S Vinton & Son bill		14.50
	Farnumsville Express		8.00
1891 May 4	Fred Atchue		2.00
	Martin Gatley		2.00
	Joseph Bertrand		1.50
Dec 7	S E Cromb		2.50
	Joseph Hannerby		2.50
	Darius Briggs		2.50
	John Eagan		2.50
	Total		1431.41

1891	Cr	
Mar 7	By Selectmen's Orders	18.50
May 4	" " "	1022.86
Oct 5	" " "	54.30
Nov 2	" " "	205.97
Dec 7	" " "	33.50
1892 Feb 1		96.28
		$1,431.41

Alden M Bigelow
Chief Engineer

Fire Signals for the Town of Grafton

The signal for Fire in the town will be given by blowing the steam whistles at the factories of J S Nelson & Sons Shoe Co and Gibbs & Allen also the Farnumsville Cotton mill.
For the North part of the town the signal will be given by two (2) short blasts, then stop repeating the 2 short blasts and stop 6 times
For the Centre of the town – 4 short blasts and stop repeating 6 times
For the South part of the Town – 4 short blasts and stop repeating 6 times.
For a General Alarm for whole department a second alarm will be given by repeating.
When Fire is extinguished or alarm false – one long blast will be given by either, or all, of the above named steam whistles.

Engineers Rept – cont

Apparatus belonging to the Grafton Fire Department,

At Centre

One hand Engine Two Hose Jumpers. 600 ft of good hose
One Hook and Ladder Truck with equipment 550 " " old "

At Farnumsville

One hand Engine, One Hose Jumper, 200 ft good hose
550 ft old hose

At Saundersville Cotton Mill

200 ft of good hose.

At North Grafton

One hand Engine. One Hose Jumper one four wheel Hose Carriage
750 ft of good hose, 500 ft of old hose.
At Nelson's Shoe Factory 200 ft of good hose

A True Copy
E A Howe
Town Clerk

Approved
D N G Gibbs
A J Hall
Auditors

Alden M Bigelow
Henry E Brooks
David S Bassett
A V French
Leo H Huckins
Thomas Wilmarth
Engineers

Report of Quartermaster of A B R Sprague Post 24 as follows which was accepted as printed.

Cash balance on hand Feb 1. 189.	$6913
Expended for relief of Soldiers and their families	5900
Cash balance on hand Feb 1. 1892.	1013

Clarence Sumner
Quartermaster

Approved

D. N Gibbs }
A J Hall } Auditors

On motion voted to accept the report of the Registrars as printed which is as follows

Births		Births	Marriages	
Males	60		American born	29
Females	74		Foreign " one or both	27
	134			56

American Parentage 45
Foreign " one or both 89
134

Deaths

Number of Males	47	American born	83
" " Females	58	Foreign "	21
	105	Unknown	1
			105

Under 1 year of age 28

Between 1 and 5 years			9	between 50 and 60 years				6	
" 5 " 10			6	" 60 " 70 "				7	
" 10 " 20			6	" 70 " 80 "				13	
" 20 " 30			11	" 80 " 90 "				9	
" 30 " 40			1	" 90 " 100 "				1	
" 40 " 50			7	over 100 years				1	105

Deaths in Jan	6	Deaths in	May	8	Deaths in	Sept	13
" " Feb	11	" "	June	5	" "	Oct	4
" " Mar	8	" "	July	7	" "	Nov	12
" " Apr	9	" "	Aug	12	" "	Dec	10
							105

Dogs Registered

Males	263	
Females	16	279

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Edwin A Howe
Registrar

D. N Gibbs }
A J Hall } Auditors

Registrars report

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[illegible] Howe
Town Clerk

Tax Collector's report

On Motion voted to accept the Collector's report as printed which is as follows.

Edwin A. Hove Collector, in account with the Town of Grafton:

Dr

To Cash on hand last report	$53.35	
Amount Collected Tax of 1889	124.48	
" " " 1890	592.96	
Interest on same	60.04	830.83

Cr

By Cash paid Henry F Wing Treasurer		830.83

As Collector for 1891

Dr

To amount Tax committed to me as per Assessors warrant	34662.11	
Subsequently assessed	366.53	
Interest since Oct 1 1891	90.52	
		35119.14

Cr

By Cash paid Henry F Wing Treasurer	34325.25	
Cash on hand	272.18	
Uncollected taxes as per list	521.73	
		35119.14

Unpaid Taxes Feb 23-1892

Allen Henry D.	$24.10	Kempton John S	11.00
Alchine Joseph T.	4.99	Laundry Joseph Jr	2.00
Barnes Charles H.	11.23	Myott Joseph	6.55
Barrett Patrick heirs of	16.64	Myott Joseph Jr	11.49
Baenett Louis	18.12	Morando Joseph	2.00
Brown George W.	2.00	Nichols Mrs Jonathan	$1.05
Brown Leroy S	19.50	Nichols Charles	2.00
Barber Frank E	3.95	Putnam Charlotte heirs of	19.50
Baenett Joseph	2.00	" Elias M	9.30
Brooks George M.	2.00	Pluff Mark	2.00
Billedeaux Felix	2.00	Reiley James	2.39
Carroll Francis	5.25	Roach John	2.00
Chapdelaine Paul	2.00	Spencer Wm P.	5.25
Cisco Lemuel	2.00	Sennott George W	2.00
Dalrymple Cyrus heirs of	16.90	Sheridan Thomas	2.00
Duffy William	2.00	Stone Joseph	2.00
Fay Elisha	7.85	Snow Charles E	2.00
Flynn Christopher	2.13	Stiles Emory	2.13
Forrest John	28.35	Thorndyke Samuel E	2.97

Fournier Eligo	12.40	Wheeler Jonathan	3.04
Farrar William	2.00	Whitney Edward E	14.22
Forshay Charles R	2.00	Worcester Franklin	77.05
Flynn Patrick	2.00	Welch Edward W	2.00
Johnson Robert	2.00	Young Gilman P	103.79
Hodgeny John	2.50		
Non-Residents			508.74
Clancy James	Milford	.97	
Dudley George H	Worcester	9.10	
Healey James J	"	1.95	
Lally John	Upton	.97	12.99
			521.73

All of which is respectfully submitted

Edwin A. Howe

Grafton Feb 23. 1892 — Collector

Approved

A J Hall
D N Gibbs } Auditors

On motion voted to accept the report of the Assessors as printed which is as follows, viz:

Number of Residents Assessed		664
Corporations and Firms		22
Non-Residents Assessed		87
Corporations & Firms		51
Polls May 1	1217	
Subsequently assessed	18	1235

Value of Personal property Assessed	$596,160.00
Resident Bank Stock	72,300.00
Subsequently assessed	25,100.00
Total Personal Property	693,560.00
Value of buildings Assessed	1,152,045.00
" " land "	530,880.00
Total Real estate	1,682,925.00
Total valuation 1891	2,376,485.00
" " 1890	2,203,150.00
Gain in " 1891	173,335.00

Rate of Tax per $1000.00 $13.00

Assessors report

Number of Horses assessed	544	Number of Sums assessed	129
" "	948	" " Fowl "	6422
" Cattle other than Cows	297	" Dwelling Houses	983
Sheep	69	Acres of land	13383 1/4

Town Grant		37,775,00	
Less Cash on hand	4900,00		
" Proceeds of License	5250,75	10150,75	
			27624,25
State Tax			1770,00
County "			2037,00
Overlayings			1570,76
			33002,01
Tax subsequently Assessed			362,30

Luther K Leland
Silas E Stowe
Arthur M Bigelow } Assessors of Grafton

Approved

D. N. Gibbs
A J Hale } Auditors

On motion voted to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library as printed a copy will be found on file the following is the financial part of the report

Henry F Wing Treasurer in account with the Free Public Library and Reading Room

Financial Statement of Free Public Library

1891 Dr.

Feb 14	balance in hands of Treasurer	$162,41
1892 Jan 15	Received Appropriation of Town	150,00
	" " " Dog fund	492,33
Feb 1	" Income Field Library fund	92,08
"	" Librarian fines	6,75
	Total Receipts	903,57

Cr

By Cash paid for books purchased for library	$298,52
J S Wesby & Son binding books	51,95
For periodicals and papers	72,30
O B Wood printing	18,22
Express	3,22
Incidentals for Office	9,26
Covering books	19,10
Hattie S Mann Salary to Mar 1/92	175,00
Total Expenditures	647,57

Balance on hand
Pr -

Balance on hand Feb 25. 1892 $256.00

The Trustees would respectfully recommend an appropriation of the Dog tax for the current year
In behalf of the Trustees of the Free Public Library

B A Robie
Chairman

On motion it was voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed a copy of which is on file.

The Financial Statement of the report is as follows.

High School

1891	Paid	W D Baker	7 weeks	233.33
		Abbie E Spencer	7 weeks	97.17
		Nellie D. Biscoe	7 " half time	35.00
		Herbert L Hall, Janitor		23.00
		Amount paid on account 1890-91		388.50
April 28	Paid	W D Baker	4 weeks	133.33
		Abbie E Spencer	4 "	55.55
		Nellie D Biscoe	4 "	20.00
June 1	"	W D Baker	4 "	133.33
		Abbie E Spencer	4 "	55.55
		Nellie D Biscoe	4 "	20.00
Sept. 25		W D Baker	3 "	100.00
Oct 5	"	W D Baker	1 "	33.33
"		Cora S Cobb	4 "	55.55
		Lucy W Biscoe	4 "	20.00
Nov 2	"	W D Baker	4	133.33
		Cora S Cobb	4 "	55.55
		Lucy W Biscoe	4 "	20.00
" 20		W D Baker	3 "	100.00
		Cora S Cobb	3 "	41.64
		Lucy W Biscoe	3	15.00
Dec 18		Substitute for Mr Emall	1	33.33
Jan 4		George Rugg act Principal	1	33.33
" 15		" " "	2	66.67
		Effie C Dascomb 1st Asst	4	55.55
		Lucy W Biscoe	4	20.00
Feb 1		George Rugg Act-Principal	2	66.66
		Effie C Dascomb	2	27.78
		Lucy W Biscoe	2	10.00
				1314.28

Financial Statement of School Committee

Conveyance of Supt & Com Milford & Hollister	$ 15 14 28	
Expenses of Supt to Ellsworth & Boston for teacher & Pelegrins	5 30	
Conveyance of teachers	22 29	
	2 50	
	$ 1545 97	
Herbert D Hall, Janitor to Feb 1/92	75 32	
Fuel	56 27	
		$ 1676 66
		$ 2065 16

Appropriation March 1891	$ 1800 00	
Amount paid on last year account	388 50	
Proportion of appropriation for fuel & Janitors (1400 00)	300 00	2488 50
Unexpended balance		$ 432 34

Unexpended balance of last year $ 231 50
not included in the estimates of this year.

Paid for Sanitary improvements	$ 16 50	
for other repairs, fixtures apparatus and chemicals	132 45	
		$ 148 95

This amount will be due to Teachers and Janitors at the close of the current year of 36 weeks Mar 18-1892 to be paid from appropriations for 1892-93.

$ 386 47

School Com cont.

Common Schools
Grafton Centre North Street

Department			
1	Paid Lizzie J Andrews	$ 394 00	
2	" Margaret C Lynch	304 00	
3	" Mary A Carr	288 00	
4	" Fannie M Gleason	272 00	
		1258 00	
	Paid Janitors	101 25	
	Fuel	121 73	
		1480 98	
Sanitary improvements - Labor and Materials			226 32
Fence labor and Materials			213 62
Other Repairs, Fixtures, etc			120 34
5	Paid Anna Long	272 00	
	Janitor	22 50	
	Fuel	21 82	
		316 32	
Sanitary improvements			27 50
Repairs, Fixtures, etc,			55 6

Dept.	North Grafton	
1	Paid Jennie Young	$403.00
2	C. M. Hawes	304.00
3	Maggie E Randell	288.00
4	Mabel E Richardson	212.50
5	Mary E Tenney	136.00
6	Eliza M Maxwell	59.50
6	Alice J Gibson	272.00
		$1675.00
	Janitors	179.65
	Fuel	136.93
		$1991.58

Sanitary improvements	$27.40
Desks, Chair, Seats Teacher's Desk on chair	
Slow Platform for new Room.	186.76
Stoves for 1st & 2nd Departments.	51.44
Clock for 2d "	15.00
Other Repairs & Fixtures	106.95

Dept	Farnumsville and Fiskeville	
1	Paid Anna G Andrews	$169.00
1	Francis A. Putnam	247.00
2	R Ella Johnson	304.00
3	Emma J Goddard	231.00
3	Agnes T Healy	59.50
4	Theresa M Larkin	110.50
4	Lizzie Antoinette Jewette	203.50
4	Jessie A Fowler	49.00
4	Maude L Guerney	133.00
		$1506.50
	Janitors	161.30
	Fuel	137.86
		$1805.00

Paid Repairs, Fixtures, etc	$107.53

Dept	Saundersville	
1	Paid Francis A Putnam	$143.00
1	Cora A Bowen	228.00
2	Flora A Frost	304.00
1-2	Nancy Young Assistant	91.00
1	Emma W Hawkins "	133.00
		$899.00
	Janitors	61.75
	Fuel	71.50
		1032.25

School Com. Cont.

Labor and Materials. New front fence and repairing all others $90,77
Removing partition. Recitation room 26,11
Tree guards Repairs and Fixtures 81,31

Waterville

Paid	Ada M Tenney	$288,00	
	Janitors	32,38	
	Fuel	13,75	
		$334,10	
	Repairs, Fixture, etc.		$12,56

Farms Precinct

Paid	Emma L Chamberlin	$81,00	
	Mary E Tenney	36,00	
	Delia M Hale	171,00	
		$288,00	
	Conveyance Teacher (Miss Tenney)	16,00	
	Janitors	26,00	
	Fuel	28,44	
		$358,44	
	Repairs. Fixtures, etc.		$29,59

Keith Hill

Paid	Anna L Dunn	$288,00	
	Janitor	24,00	
	Fuel	26,50	
		$338,50	
	Repairs. Fixtures, etc.		$15,33

Merriam Precinct.

Paid		$288,00	
	Janitor	26,00	
	Fuel	20,50	
		$334,50	
	Repairs, Fixtures, etc		$13,95

George Hill

Paid	Fannie L Stowe	$279,00	
	Janitor	18,95	
	Fuel	7,50	
		$305,45	
	Repairs, Fixtures, etc,		$12,11

School Com Cont.

Brigham Hill

Paid	May M Holden	$117,00	
"	Mary E Penney	27,00	
	L Maude Wanamaker	144,00	
		$288,00	
	Janitor	24,35	
	Fuel	44,05	
		$356,40	
	Repairs, Fixtures, etc,		$10,00

High and Common School

Paid	Flora M Randall Teacher of music and drawing in all Schools	$480,00	
	Expenses	83,50	
		$563,50	

Superintendent Room

Paid	Stove	$17,00	
	Furniture and Freight	24,24	$41,34
	Fuel	6,63	
	Janitor To Feb 1, 1892	7,00	
		$13,63	

Summary

			$1,396,86
Teachers Paid to Feb 1, 1892		$7,809,50	
Music and drawing Teacher Traveling Expenses		83,50	
Teacher conveyance		17,50	
Fuel		637,18	
Janitors		685,13	
Repairs Fixtures and Apparatus	$1148,39		
Special Sanitary Repairs	256,47	1396,86	
Books Stationary and Supplies		$1518,13	
			$12,148,55

Appropriations

For Common Schools	$7,500,00	
Fuel & Janitors proportion of $1400,00	1100,00	
Repairs Fixtures, Apparatus, etc	800,00	
Books Stationary and Supplies	800,00	
Interest on Legacy left the Town for School purposes forever	65,00	
From State	134,56	
		$10,399,56
Balance overdraft Common Schools and books & Supply account		1748,49
Less Unexpended balance of appropriation for High School, last March and paid on last year's account		432,34
Total balance overdrawn		$1,325,15

We have examined the above account and finde it correct

D N Gibbs
A J Hall
Auditors

School Com Cont

School Committee

George H Pratt
D W Baker Norcross
W B Maxwell

Art 4th taken up

On motion of Chas M Batchelder it was voted to take up the recomendation of the Selectmen one at a time

The following appropriation were made the vote being taken on each item seperately

On motion voted to raise and appropriate for Town Land No 9 $ 500 00

" " " " " "	for Interest	3,300 00
" " " " " "	" High School	1,800 00
Recomendation was 6800 " " " " "	" Common "	7,631 25
" " " " " "	" Fuel & Janitor	1,400 00
" " " " " "	" Book & Stationary	800 00
" " " " " "	Repairs & Fixtures	800 00
" " " " " "	Highways	3,100 00
" " " " " "	Library Dog fund	
" " " " " "	Support of Poor	6,000 00
" " " " " "	Memorial day	100 00
" " " " " "	Common	50 00
" " " " " "	Salary Town Clerk	75 00
" " " " " "	" Town Treasurer	100 00
" " " " " "	Library No Grafton	50 00
" " " " " "	" Farnumsville	25 00
" " " " " "	" Fisherville	25 00
" " " " " "	" Saundersville	25 00
" " " " " "	Grafton Water Co hydrant	2500 00
" " " " " "	Street lights on Sidewalks Centre	100 00
" " " " " "	" " " " North part	100 00
" " " " " "	" " " " South "	100 00
" " " " " "	Town Officers except Town Clerk Treasurer & School Committee	2000 00
" " " " " "	Salary School Committee	400 00
" " " " " "	Supt of Schools	750 00
" " " " " "	State Aid	200 00
" " " " " "	Miscellaneous	1,000 00
" " " " " "	Prosecution Liquor Cases	300 00
" " " " " "	Sol Aid Chap 298 Acts 1889	100 00
" " " " " "	G A R Relief fund	100 00
(3500 for Water side Road Act 11)	Sidewalks (Clerk see next page 2 vs. old Berkley)	1000 00
	Free Deft warrant	110 00

Total $36131,25

Appropriations

Motion of Samuel H Knowlton that we raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars for sidewalks and drains. Amendment by George K Nichols that the money be expended for Concrete Sidewalks.

Appro Sidewalks

Amendment to the Amendment by John A Brown that it be used for gravel or Concrete as the different parts of

the Town shall decide. The Amendment to the Amendment carried. The Amendment of Mr Geo K Nichols as amended carried and the Original Motion as amended carried which is as follows. That we raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for Sidewalks gravel or Concrete as the different parts of the Town desire.
On Motion voted that it be devided equally between the Centre North part and South part.
On Motion of H F Allen it was voted that the Salary of the Financial Clerk of the board of Selectmen be paid from the appropriation for Salaries of Town Officers, Fifty dollars.

On Motion of H F Allen it was voted that we reappropriate One hundred dollars to mark the Indian burying ground.

Art 8 taken up.
On Motion it was voted to accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury box.
(See list in Selectmen's report)

Art 6th taken up.
On Motion it was voted that the compensation of the Sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year be the same as last year.

Art 7th taken up.
On Motion it was voted that the compensation of Fireman for the year ensuing be the same as last year

Art 9th taken up.
On Motion voted that the High School be kept in the Centre Dist the ensuing year.

Art 10th taken up.
On Motion of Henry F Wing it was voted "That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said Taxes."

Treasurer authorized to borrow.

Art 11th taken up.
On motion voted that the Collector be authorized to use all means for Collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a collector, may use,

Art 12th.

Appropriation made under art 4th.

Art 13th Taken up.

On Motion of A. M Goulding it was voted that it be left in the hands of the Selectmen to investigate and report at the adjourned Meeting.

Art 14th Taken up.

Voted That we pass over the article

Art 15th Taken up.

Surface water on Waterville & No Grafton

Appropriation $500

On Motion of Samuel H Knowlton voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred ($500) dollars for the better protection of the road and sidewalks near the Catholic Church in North Grafton from surface water. The same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen or some person appointed by them. Amendment by John R Murphy that Mr Knowlton be added to the Selectmen as a committee to take proper action with regard to doing away with the surface water on Waterville Road. Amendment carried. Amendment by John R Murphy and the original motion as amended carried

Art 16th Taken up.

Deeds for wood land to A.W. Rice

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized in the name of the Town to make all necessary Deeds and conveyance of the wood land bequeathed to the Town by Louisa A R Field, to Ashley W Rice according to sale heretofore made by them.

Art 17th Taken up

Voted that we pass over the article

Art 18th Taken up

Tomb Riverside Cemetery

Motion by Joseph A. Dodge that a committee consisting of Geo W Fisher Horace S Warren James Kearn Perley Goddard Joseph Adams be examine into the matter and report at the adjourned meeting in April. Motion carried

Art 4th taken up.

On Motion of Henry Mann it was voted that we raise and appropriate Two hundred ($200,00) dollars for repairs on the Old Cemetery to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

pairs
Cemetery,

Voted to adjourn untill the First Monday in April 4th at Two O'clock P.M.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Mar 22nd 1891

The following appointments have been made by the Selectmen to wit

Police Office
Alexander Jefferson sworn by Perley Goddard J.P. oath on file

Railroad Police
George M Newton Sworn by Town Clerk
H H Whitney Sworn by Town Clerk
Frank M Howe

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Samuel E Leland. Sworn by Town Clerk

Fire Wards appointed Apr 11-1892
Perley Goddard. D S Bassett Silas E Stowe, Samuel H Knowlton John E McClellan, Amos G Getchell, J. A Sweetzer L M Rice and Cyrus R Axtell.

Engineers Fire Dept.
Alden M Bigelow Thomas Wilmarth, Geo H Huckins Henry E Brooks. David S Bassett.

Weighers & Measurers.
Willard G Claflin. Elisha D Holbrook. Bert D Adams L K Leland Wm Sterrie Jr John E McClellan E A Howe Sworn by H Whitney L M Rice F. A Dodge. Herbert Goddard. Andrew J Hall

Mar 24-1892
Charles Smith of Millbury sworn as a Special Police for the Town of Grafton by me
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Adjourned Annual Town meeting Apr 4 - 1892

Pursuant to adjournment the legal voters assembled in the Town Hall at two O'clock P. M. The Moderator L M Rice in the chair
On Motion of H F Allen the reading of the records of the last meeting be dispensed with

Voted that all remaining Town Officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Voted that the annual report of the Trustees of North Grafton Cemetery be taken from the table
Voted that the report be accepted as printed.

Art 13 taken up.
Report of the Selectmen in regard to widening the Bridge at North Grafton was called for. Selectmen through its chairman asked for more time and the request was granted

Art 18 taken up.
The Committee to whom was refered the matter of building a Tomb at Riverside Cemetery requested more time. Voted that they have more time

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton May 10-1892.

This may certify that I have this day destroyed all the ballots used at the election held Jan 26-1892. Also all the ballots used at the Annual Town meeting held March 7-1892 said packages of ballots were destroyed by burning. the seals of said packages remaining unbroken.

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

June 18/92

Christy Flynn appointed Special Police by the Selectmen and qualified by Town Clerk.

by Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

State Election 1892

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the Eighth day of November next, at Seven O'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen, for Two Electors at Large, and One Elector for each of the Thirteen Congressional Districts of this Commonwealth, being residents of their respective districts, for President and Vice President of the United States; for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorny General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the Twelfth Worcester Representative District, for a District Attorney for the Middle District; for a Sheriff of the County of Worcester; for four Commissioners of Insolvency, for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester; for two Special Commissioners for the said County, and for a Representative in Congress for the third Congressional District; and in answer to the following question:

"Shall the proposed Amendment to the Constitution abolishing the property qualification for the office of Governor be approved and ratified?"

The said amendment is as follows:

"Article of Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing the property qualification for the office of Governor.

So much of Art Two of Section One of Chap Two of Part the Second of the Constitution of the Commonwealth as is contained in the following words:

and unless he shall at the same time be seized in his own right, of a freehold within the Commonwealth of the value of One thousand pounds" is hereby annulled"

all the foregoing to be upon one ballot.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at Seven and one half o'clock, A. M. and may be closed at One o'clock, P. M., or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in the Center of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two.

Francis E Huckins
Perley Goddard
Fred A. Dodge
Henry E Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS. October 29th 1892.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville on Saturday the 29th day of October current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of warrant and return
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton November 8 - 1892

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall at seven o'clock in the forenoon

The meeting was called to order by Francis E Huckins Chairman Pro Tem of the board of Selectmen.

The warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Thomas J Ryan it was voted that the polls be closed at 4 O'clock P.M.

The first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered by the Town Clerk to the presiding officer and his receipt taken therefor

Joseph A. Dodge. Republican. James E Carney Democrat were sworn by the Clerk as Inspectors and Clarence N Pitman Democrat Deputy Inspector they having been previously appointed by the Selectmen.

The Sample ballots and Cards of Instruction were posted in the voting Shelves and around the Hall as required by law.

The polls were declared open by the presiding Officer at Seven thirty o'clock.

The ballot box was unlocked and opened and exhibited to the election officers and shown to be empty it was then locked and the keys given to William H Miles the Constable in charge

The register in front of the ballot box standing 0000 Lyman M Rice Edwin A Ford. Samuel B Hale Jr Frank H Prentice. Republicans Frank M Elliot William Storrie Jr. David S Bassett Henry Post Democrats were appointed Tellers by the Selectmen and sworn by the Clerk

The ballot box was opened by unanimous consent when the register stood at 103 and 100 ballots removed also when the Register stood at 300 and 100 ballots removed and when Register stood 440 and 100 Ballots removed. and Register standing at at 500 it was again opened and 100 more ballots removed making four hundred in all removed. when the register was at 625 it was again opened and 100 more ballots removed making five hundred taken out and when the register stood at 710 it was again

opened and 100 ballots removed making six hundred removed. The ballots were counted out each and every time by Francis E Huckins the presiding officer in a loud voice.

The polls were closed at 4 O'Clock P.M. the register indicating Seven hundred Eighty-five the box was then opened, and the ballots were then counted out and it was found that there was 777 ballots in the box making in Seven hundred and Seventy Seven in all.

The names checked on the voting lists were then counted in a loud voice by the presiding officer and found to be Seven hundred and Seventy seven and to correspond with the number of ballots cast. The following is the result of the voting as declared.

For Electors of President & Vice President
At Large

John Bascom of Williamstown	had	Fifteen	15
Richard W Cone " Boston	"	Fifteen	15
Patrick A Collins " "	"	Two hundred Eighty three	283
John E Russell " Leicester	"	Two hundred eighty four	284
Nathaniel P Banks " Waltham	"	Four hundred forty nine	449
John D Long " Hingham	"	Four hundred forty nine	449
Edward Bellamy " Chicopee	"	One	1
George F Washburn " Boston	"	One	1
Jacob Thomas " Springfield	"		
Blanks			57
		Total	1554

First District

Augustus R Smith of Lee	had	Fifteen	15
James M Clark " Holyoke	"	Two hundred eighty four	284
Joseph Griswold " Greenfield	"	Four hundred forty nine	449
Irving Miller " Pittsfield		One	1
Cleveland		One	1
		Blank	27
		Total	777

Second District

Charles G Allen of Barre had	Fifteen		15
John B O'Donnell " Northampton "	Two hundred eighty-three		283
George W Johnson of Brookfield "	Four hundred fifty		450
William A Taylor " Orange	One		1
John E Russell " Leicester	One		1
		Blank	27
		Total	777

Third District

Charles B Knight of Worcester had	Fifteen		15
Charles Haggerty " Southbridge "	Two hundred eighty three		283
Edward B Glasgow " Worcester	Four hundred fifty		450
Lot Berry " Spencer	One		1
Charles G Allen "	One		1
		Blank	27
		Total	777

Fourth District

Edmund M Stowe of Hudson had	Fifteen		15
Charles J Williams " Acton "	Two hundred eighty four		284
Henry A Goodrich " Fitchburg "	Four hundred forty nine		449
Asa T Hall " Hudson "	One		1
Charles B Knight "	One		1
		Blank	27
		Total	777

Fifth District

Varnum Lincoln of Andover had	Fifteen		15
Peter H Donohoe " Lowell "	Two hundred eighty-three		283
Peter D Smith " Andover "	Four hundred fifty		450
Hiram W Eastman " Lawrence "	One		1
Edmund M Stowe "	One		1
		Blank	27
		Total	777

Sixth District

George H Hoyt of Haverhill had	Fifteen		15
James F Dean of Salem had	Two hundred eighty-~~three~~		284
Frank Cousins " Salem "	Four hundred forty nine		449
J B Woodfin " Marblehead	One		1
Varnum Lincoln	One		1
		Blank	27
		Total	777

Seventh District

George M Buttrick of Everett had	Fifteen	15
Samuel K Hamilton of Wakefield had	Two hundred eighty four	284
George W Walker " Malden "	Four hundred forty nine	449
J E Clements " Lynn	one	1
George H Hoyt	one	1
	Blanks	27
	Total	777

Eighth District

John S Paine of Cambridge had	Fifteen	15
Ferdinand F. French of Winchester had	Two hundred eighty four	284
Edward Glines of Somerville had	Four hundred forty nine	449
Anthony J Philpott of Arlington "	one	1
George M Buttrick "	one	1
	Blank	27
	Total	777

Ninth District

James M Gray of Boston had	Fifteen	15
Edward J Flynn " " "	Two hundred eighty four	284
Jonathan A Lane " " "	Four hundred forty nine	449
Henry Lemon " " "	one	1
Richard W Cone "	one	1
	Blank	27
	Total	777

Tenth District

Henry W Shugg of Boston had	Fifteen	15
Josiah Quincy, Quincy "	Two hundred eighty four	284
John Shaw " " "	Four hundred forty nine	449
George J Moulton " Boston "	one	1
John S Paine	one	1
	Blank	27
	Total	777

Eleventh District

Charles C Bragdon of Newton had	Fifteen	15
Robert Bleakie of Hyde Park "	Two hundred eighty four	284
John R Bullard of Dedham "	Four hundred forty nine	449
Fractus L Metcalf " Franklin "	one	1
James M Gray "	one	1
	Blanks	27
	Total	777

Twelfth District

William H Phillips of Taunton	had Fifteen	15
Joseph L Sweet of Attleborough	" Two hundred eighty four	284
Benjamin S Lovell of Weymouth	" Four hundred forty nine	449
Thomas S Hodgson " Middleborough	one	
Henry W Shugg	one	
	Blank	27
	Total	777

Thirteenth District

Robert A Sherman of New Bedford	had Sixteen	16
John W Coughlin " Fall River	" Two hundred eighty-four	284
John Simpkins " Yarmouth	" Four hundred forty nine	449
Frank E Peck " Wareham	one	1
	Blank	27
	Total	777

For Governor

William H Haile of Springfield	had Three hundred ninety six	396
Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst	" Nineteen	19
Squire E Putney of Somerville	"	
William E Russell of Cambridge	" Three hundred twenty-three	323
Henry Winn of Malden	had one	1
	Blank	39
	Total	777

For Lieutenant Governor

James B Carroll of Springfield	had Two hundred ninety six	296
Edward Kendall " Cambridge	" Twenty four	24
Roger Wolcott " Boston	" Three hundred eighty-three	383
	Blank	74
	Total	777

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Charles S Hamlin of Brookline	Two hundred Seventy	270
George Kempton " Sharon	Two	2
William M Olin " Boston	Three hundred eighty-four	384
Samuel Shapleigh " Boston	Seventeen	17
	Blanks	104
	Total	777

Treasurer and Receiver General

Wilbur F Farnham Jr of Somerville	had Twenty one	21
James S Grinnell " Greenfield	" Two hundred sixty eight	268
George A Marden " Lowell	" Three hundred eighty nine	389
James R Nugent " Boston	Two	2
	Blank	97
	Total	777

For Auditor

Alfred H Evans of Ashburnham had	Twenty one	21
John W Kimball of Fitchburg had	Three hundred ninety four	394
Michael Lynch " Boston "	Two	2
Irving B Sayles Millbury "	Two hundred sixty nine	269
	Blank	91
	Total	777

For Attorney General

Charles S Lilley of Lowell had	Two hundred sixty one	261
Albert E Pillsbury " Boston "	Three hundred ninety three	393
Robert F Raymond of New Bedford had	Nineteen	19
	Blank	104
	Total	777

For Representative in Congress 3rd Congressional Dist

John R Thayer of Worcester had	Three hundred Seven	307
Joseph H Walker of " "	Four hundred Eleven	411
Melvin H Walker "	Eighteen	18
	Blank	41
	Total	777

For Councillor

William Cole of	21
Dexter Knight "	266
George F Morse "	390
Blank	100
Total	777

For District Attorney

Francis A Gaskell of Worcester had	Four hundred one	401
Edward J McMahon " "	Two hundred fifty-eight	258
	Blank	118
	Total	777

For Sheriff

Robert H Chamberlin of Worcester had	Three hundred ninety five	395
Samuel D Nye " " "	Two hundred eighty	280
Emerson H Stoddard "	Eighteen	18
	Blank	84
	Total	777

For County Commissioner

George W Cooke	had Three hundred ninety four	394
Lewis Hayden	Two hundred sixty three	263
Gardner A Watkins	Nineteen	19
George K Nichols	One	1
	Blank	100
	Total	777

For Special Commissioners

S Augustus Howe	Three hundred eighty five	385
Napoleon B Johnson	Eighteen	18
Howard M Lane	Three hundred fifty six	356
Leander Sprague	Two hundred fifty one	251
Samuel Wheeler	Thirteen	13
Austin G Wheelock	Two hundred twenty eight	228
	Blank	303
	Total	1554

For Commissioner of Insolvency

Henry M Aiken of Millbury	Three hundred eighty three	383
Charles L Aldrich	Twenty	20
Andrew J Bartholomew	Three hundred sixty nine	369
Thomas L Brown	Two hundred fifty seven	257
Peter T Carroll	Two hundred fifty two	252
Edward P Carter	Two hundred forty	240
George P Clark	Twenty six	26
Louis E Denfield	Three hundred sixty seven	367
Rufus B Dodge Jr	Three hundred sixty four	364
Timothy Howard	Two hundred fifty five	255
Daniel Parlin	Twenty one	21
	Blanks	554
	Total	3108

For Senator

George P Cooke of Milford	Two hundred eighty eight	288
George K Nichols of Grafton	Four hundred seven	407
Delano Patrick of Hopedale	Seventeen	17
	Blank	65
	Total	777

For Representative General Court for
12th Worcester District

Francis H Atwood			20
Levi Babcock			17
Silas A Forbush	of Grafton	Four hundred eighteen	418
Perley Goddard	"	Two hundred Seventy-one	271
George H Hero	" Westboro	Two hundred forty seven	247
Charles Potter		Three hundred eighty two	362
S. A Forbush		One	1
		Blank	220
		Total	1554

Amendment to the Constitution

Yes	Two hundred fifty-four	254
No	One hundred thirty-six	136
	Blank	387
	Total	777

The returns were made out signed and sealed and the check lists and ballots sealed in seperate Envelopes as required by law and properly endorsed.

The meeting adjourned at 9-45 O'Clock P. M.

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 12 - 1892
A Petition was filed with the Town clerk this day 10-30 a.m. asking for a recount of the votes cast for Governor. and the Selectmen were notified in writing this day

Attest Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

1402

Grafton Nov 16th 1892

Pursuant to notice the board of Selectmen met in their office at One O'clock P.M. for the purpose of recounting the votes for Governor cast at the election Nov 8th 1892. F E Huckins, Perley Goddard, Henry E Brooks and Fred A. Dodge were present.

Arthur M. Bigelow was present as representative of William H Haile and Willard J Humes as representative of William E Russell, and upon recounting the votes it was found that

William H Haile of Springfield	had	Three hundred Ninety five	395
Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst	"	nineteen	19
Squire E Putney " Somerville		one	
William E Russell of Cambridge	"	Three hundred twenty three	323
Henry Winn of Malden	"	one	
Blanks			39
		Total	777

Attest

Edwin A Hove
Town Clerk

A meeting of the Town Clerks of the Towns of Berlin, Grafton, Northboro, Southboro Shrewsbury and Westboro comprising the 12th Worcester Representative District was held in the Town Clerks office in Westboro Nov 18 1892 at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Representatives to the General Court.

The Certificates of the votes for the several candidates signed by the Selectmen of the several Towns comprising the Dist were opened and examined and it was found that Silas A. Forbush of Grafton and Charles Potter of Northboro were elected and the certificates required by law were filled out and signed by several Town Clerks.

Statement of Votes for Representative to General Court 12th Worcester Dist. Mass

Names of Candidates	Residence	Berlin	Grafton	Northboro	Southboro	Shrewsbury	Westboro	Total
Francis H Atwood	Northboro	10	20	17	8	8	55	118
Levi Babcock	Berlin	14	17	18	9	7	49	113
Silas A. Forbush	Grafton	108	414	148	152	159	429	1412
Perley Goddard	Grafton	24	271	96	119	61	357	928
George H Hero	Westboro	27	247	115	134	65	407	995
Charles Potter	Northboro	111	362	177	154	155	432	1391
S. A. Forbush			1					1
A. F Brown	Westboro						1	1
Blank		58	220	83	129	91	228	809
		354	1554	654	702	546	1958	5768

We, the Town Clerks of the several towns of the 12 Representative District of Worcester County, certify that the above is a true Statement of the returns of votes cast on the 8th day of November, 1892, for Representatives to the General Court, made to us by the Selectmen of the towns in said District.

F H Crosseman — Town Clerk of Berlin
Edwin A. Hove — Town Clerk of Grafton
Gilman B Hove — Town Clerk of Northboro
Henry A. McMaster — Town Clerk of Southboro
George E Stone — Town Clerk of Shrewsbury
Henry L Chase — Town Clerk of Westboro

Westborough Mass November 18th 1892

A true copy Attest Edwin A. Hove
Town Clerk

Special Meeting Dec 17-1892

Worcester SS.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Saturday the Seventeenth day of December at One and a half o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to continue the Schools the remainder of the current year, or act there on.

Art 3rd To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to pay for the Services of the School committee the remainder of the current year, or act thereon.

Art 4th

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to pay the deficiency in the Salary of the Superintendent of Schools the remainder of the current year, or act there on

Art 5th

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to buy the Charles Daniels place "so called" for burial purposes, or act thereon,

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Here of, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety two.

Francis E Huckins
Perley Goddard
Henry E Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. December 9th 1892

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville on Friday the ninth day of December current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Dec 17th 1892

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town assembled in the Town Hall at 1.40 o'clock P.M. and the following business was transacted

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and appointed Messrs Francis E Huckins Perley Goddard Henry E Brooks and Fred A. Dodge to act as tellers. and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st taken up.

A ballot was taken for Moderator (the Check list being) with the following result.

Whole number of ballots cast Nine all of which were for Lyman M Rice and he was declared elected and took the Chair.

Art 2nd taken up.

The Secretary of the School Committee (D W Norcross) made a statement that to keep the High School thirty six weeks it would require the sum of $688.88 and to keep the Common Schools thirty three weeks it would require $933.72.

On motion of Perley Goddard it was Voted to appropriate the sum of $688.88 for the High School and that it be raised by taxation in the year 1893

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was
$933.72 voted to appropriate the sum of $933.72 for the Common Schools to be raised by taxation in 1893.

On motion of Perley Goddard it was voted that the sum of $079.01 be appropriated for Books, Supp Repairs fuel etc said sum being the amount already overdrawn said sum to be raised by taxation in 1893

On motion voted to reconsider the last vote, amendment made by Francis E Huckins that
$324.09 $324.09 be for Books & Supplies and $755.52 be for
$755.52 Repairs fuel etc. amendment carried and the original motion carried which is as follows, That the sum of $324.09 for Books & Supplies and $755.52 for Repairs fuel etc be appropriated said sum being the amount already overdrawn. said money to be raised by taxation in the year 1893.

Art 3 taken up.

Motion by Rev George H Pratt that we pass over the motion of Alden M Bigelow that we substitute the following that we ~~appropriate~~ the sum of $200.00 to be raised by tax 1893 motion to substitute last.
Motion of Perley Goddard to substitute the following that we appropriate $100.00. motion lost
and the motion to pass over was carried.

Art 4 taken up.

Motion of Chas M Batchelder that we pass over the Art. motion lost.
Motion by Alden M Bigelow that we appropriate $475.85. motion withdrawn.
Art passed over

Art 5th taken up.

Motion of Joseph A Dodge
that we pass over the Art. carried

Motion by Chas M Batchelder that this meeting be dissolved motion carried

Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Jan 25th 1893.

This may Certify that I have this day destroyed all the ballots used at the annual State election held Nov 8th 1892 by burning said package of ballots was destroyed without opening the Seals being unbroken.

Edwin A Cove
Town Clerk

Annual Meeting March 6th 1893

Town Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the eighth day of March 1893, at 7-30 o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the Committee on Town House for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the Committee on Common for three years, Eight Constables for one year, and to vote "Yes" or "No" on the Question "Shall license be granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?"

The votes for all the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 8 o'clock A. M. and may closed at one o'clock P. M. or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

Also, to choose other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3rd To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art 4th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same and act thereon,

Art 5th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon,

Art 6th To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon,

Art 7th To see what Compensation the Town will allow Fireman for the year ensuing, and act thereon,

Art 8th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon

Art 9th To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year, and act thereon,

Art 10th To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town,

Art 11th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for Collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector may use,

Art 12th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquor, or act thereon,

Art 13th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to deed real estate left by the late Winthrop Faulkner, as their interest may appear, or act thereon

Art 14th To see if the Town will continue its union with the Town of Upton for the purpose of the employment of the Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chap 431 of the acts of 1888, and act in amendment thereof, or take any action in reference thereto,

Art 15th To see if the Town will make needed alterations for improving the Sanatary condition of the Brick School House on North St, or take action thereon

Art 16th To see what action the Town will take in reference to the purchase of the Charles Daniels estate in Grafton, and make appropriation for the same or act thereon,

Art 17th To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to plat, grade, fence, and otherwise improve a portion of the Daniels estate suitable for burying purposes and make appropriation for the same or act thereon

Art 18th To see if the Town will vote to require the School Committee to annually appoint a Superintendent who, under the direction and control of said Committee shall have the care and Supervision of the public Schools of the Town or act thereon,

Art 19th To see if the Town will appoint an agent to bring suit or defend any suit that may be brought against the town, or act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Francis E Hackins
Perley Goddard
H E Brooks
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester, S.S. February 24th 1893

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville, and Saundersville on Friday the twenty fourth day of February current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant and return

Attest. Edwin A Hope
Town Clerk

Grafton March 6th 1893

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton and transacted the business viz

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 O'clock A M and the warrant for the same read by the Town Clerk.

Perley Goddard Henry E Brooks Arthur M Bigelow and Joseph E Norcross were appointed and sworn by the Town Clerk to check the list and count the votes for Moderator.

Art 1st By ballot chose Lyman M Rice Moderator he receiving twelve votes it being all the votes cast, who took the chair

Prayer by Rev B A Robie

On motion of Thomas J Ryan it was voted that the Polls be closed at 3 O'clock P.M.

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted to take up Art 14 of the warrant.

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted that the do continue it's union with the Town of Upton for the purpose of the employment of Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapt 431 of the acts of 1888 and acts in amendment thereof, and the vote be taken by ballot. yes and no. the Polls be opened at 8 O'clock A.M. and closed at 3 O'clock P.M.

Before the Polls were opened the Town Clerk made anouncement that an error had been made in printing of the Ballot that the name of T Ernest Allen was printed Ernest T Allen and that the ballots had all been corrected.

Perley Goddard Henry E Brooks Democrats and Francis E Huckins Fred A Dodge Republicans were appointed to check the names and sworn by the Moderator

William H Miles a constable was appointed to take charge of the Ballot Box and sworn by the Town Clerk

Henry Post, Frank M Elliot Democrats and Frank H Prentice Samuel B Hale Jr Republicans were appointed as Tellers and Supervisors by the Moderator and sworn by him.

The Ballot Box was opened, examined, and shown to be empty. closed locked and the Key given to the Constable in charge. the Register Standing over

Package containing 800 General ballots, and 60 Special ballots for School Committee only were delivered to Joseph A Dodge and Peter M Prout the ballot clerks who receipted for the same

Art 2nd At 8 Oclock A. M. the Polls were declared open when the register stood at 66. the Ballot box was opened by unanimous consent. and fifty General ballots counded out in a loud voice by the Moderator. William Storrie Jr. Warren A Robinson Democrats Henry Mann and John S Bullen Republicans were appointed Tellers and Supervisors by the Moderator, and sworn by the Town Clerk
The Ballot Box opened again when the register stood at 160 and 100 General ballots removed also when the register stood at 259 and 100 General Ballots removed also when register stood at 352 and fifty General Ballots removed also when register stood at 426 and fifty General Ballots removed also when the Box register stood at 481 and fifty General ballots removed also when register stood at 582 and one hundred fifty General Ballots removed.
Polls closed at 3 O'clock P.M. the register standing at 638. Ballot box was then opened and 51 General ballots and 30 Ballots for School Committee only. making 601 General ballots and thirty (30) for School Committe only Total 631 being seven less than the number registered on the Box. a fact which the Moderator call the Moderator called to the attention of the voters present
The names checked on the Check list were then counted in a loud voice by Fred A Dodge one of the election officers. and was found to be six hundred thirty one (631) which corresponded with the number of ballots in the Box.
On Motion of John E McClellan it was voted that when the result of the ballot is declared the meeting adjourn untill Saturday next at 1-30 Oclock P.M. the vote was doubted when a rising vote was taken and declared carried yes 57 no 47
Francis E Huckins Henrey E Brooks Fred A Dodge and Perley Goddard appointed to sort and count the Ballots taken under Art 14th of the warrant and sworn by the Moderator.
The following is the result of the Ballot for

Town Clerk

Whole number of Ballots		601
Edwin A Howe had four hundred eighty		480
Blanks	one hundred twenty one	121

Edwin A. Howe declared elected and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by Lyman M Rice the Moderator in open town Meeting

For Selectmen

Whole Number of Ballots 3 601
Henry E Brooks had four hundred ninety three (493)
Fred A Dodge " three hundred fifteen (315)
Perley Goddard four hundred sixty seven (467)
Daniel N Gibbs four hundred Eighty nine (489)
Francis E Huckins four hundred forty three (443)
Thomas Wilmarth three hundred twenty eight (328)
Blanks four hundred seventy 470
Henry E Brooks Perley Goddard Daniel N Gibbs Francis E Huckins and Thomas Wilmarth were declared elected, and Henry E Brooks Perley Goddard Francis E Huckins and Thomas Wilmarth were sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Selectman by the Town Clerk March 6 1893 and Daniel N Gibbs sworn by Town Clerk Mar 9th 1893

Treasurer

Whole number of ballots 601
Henry F Wing had Five hundred thirteen (513)
Blanks Eighty eight (88

Henry F Wing declared elected and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by Lyman M Rice the Moderator in open town meeting

Tax Collector

Whole number of Ballots 601
Edwin A. Howe had five hundred fifteen (515)
Blanks Eighty six (86)
Edwin A Howe declared elected,
Sworn by Lyman M Rice Justice of the Peace

School Committee

Whole number of ballots 631
J Ernest Allen had one hundred ninety two (192)
Warren B Maxwell three hundred seventy seven (377)
Blanks sixty two (62)
Warren B Maxwell declared elected,

For Assessor for three years.

Whole number of ballots 601
Luther K Leland had four hundred eighty four (484)
Blanks one hundred thirty seven (137)
Luther K Leland declared elected.
Sworn by Lyman M Rice Justice of the Peace March 6 1895

For Overseer of the Poor for three years. 601
Whole number of ballots
John A. Sweetser had two hundred eighteen (218)
Silas Vinton " two hundred ninety four (294)
Blanks eighty nine (89)
Silas Vinton declared elected

For Member of Town House Committee for three years
Whole number of ballots 601
Daniel N Gibbs had two hundred ninety (290)
Solon F Smith " one hundred ninety four (194)
Blanks one hundred seventeen (117)
Daniel N Gibbs declared elected

For Common Committee for three years
Whole number of ballots 601
George W Fisher had two hundred sixty seven (267)
Silas Vinton " two hundred fifteen (215)
Blanks one hundred nineteen (119)
George W Fisher declared elected

For Trustee Riverside Cemetery for five years
Whole number of ballots 601
Joseph A. Dodge had four hundred sixty three (463)
Blanks one hundred thirty eight (138)
Joseph A. Dodge declared elected.

For Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery for five years
Whole number of ballots 601
Erastus Adams had two hundred ninety three (293)
Jesse H Smith " one hundred sixty seven (167)
Blank one hundred forty one (141)
Erastus Adams declared elected.

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years

Whole number of ballots 601
Frank T Johnson had one hundred eighty three (183)
Warren B Marwell " three hundred (300)
Blanks one hundred eighteen (118)
Warren B Marwell declared elected,

For Constables

Whole number of ballots 4808
William H Bennett had three hundred six (306)
James Carney " four hundred thirty six (436)
Frank Fay " two hundred forty three (243)
Amos G Getchell " two hundred eighty five (285)
John Holden " two hundred forty six (246)
Alexander Jefferson " three hundred seventeen (317)
Frank P. Kelley " two hundred fifty five (255)
William Larmour " two hundred nineteen (219)
Alfred E Lowell " three hundred eight (308)
William H Miles " three hundred thirty two (332)
Theodore F Smith " two hundred eighty three (283)
William G Fletcher " one (1)
Blanks fourteen hundred ninety seven (1497)
and
William H Bennett, James Carney, Amos G Getchell
Alexander Jefferson, Frank P. Kelley, Alfred E Lowell
William H Miles, Theodore F Smith were declared elected

William H Bennett, James Carney, Amos G Getchell
Frank P. Kelley and Alfred E Lowell, were sworn
to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office
of Constable by Lyman M Rice the moderator in
open Town meeting
William H Miles sworn by the Town Clerk Mar 6-1893
Alexander Jefferson sworn by the Town Clerk March 9-1893
Theodore F Smith Sworn by the Town Clerk Apr 15-1893

For Auditors

Whole number of ballots 1803
Daniel N Gibbs had three hundred eighteen (318)
Andrew J Hall " three hundred ten (310)
Francis M McGary " two hundred ninety seven (297)
Oliver M Wing " three hundred eighty seven (387)
Blanks five hundred nine (509)
Daniel N Gibbs Andrew J Hall, Oliver M Wing declared elected

Shall Licence be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town.

Whole number of ballots		601
Yes	three hundred thirty six	(336)
No	two hundred ten	(210)
Blanks	fifty five	(55)

Art 14th The Moderator declared the result of the ballot "to see if the town will continue the union with the town of Upton" (Art-14 of the warrant.

Whole number of ballots		318
Yes	two hundred seventeen	(217)
No	ninety five	(95)
Blank	six	(6)

Meeting adjourned untill Saturday next at 1-30 o'clock P.M.

Attest

Edwin A. Hore
Town Clerk

Grafton March 11th 1893

Pursuant to adjournment the legal voters of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at 1-30 o'clock P.M. The meeting was called to order by Lyman M. Rice Moderator. On Motion of Joseph A. Dodge it was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Art 2nd Chose by yea and nay vote Perley Goddard David L. Fiske and D. Webster Norcross as Fence viewers.

Perley Goddard sworn by Town Clerk March 11th 1893
David L. Fiske " " " " " 20th 1893
D. Webster Norcross " " " "

Chose Charles W. Wood fieldriver for the year ensuing and sworn by Town Clerk Mar 20-1893

Daniel N. Gibbs who was elected an Auditor was also elected Selectman thus being disqualified for holding the office of Auditor a ballot was taken

Francis E. Huckins Perley Goddard Henry E. Brooks Daniel N. Gibbs and Thomas Wilmarth appointed and sworn by the Moderator to check the name and count the votes for Auditor and any other vote that may be taken

The following is the result of the ballot for auditor
Whole number of ballots 251
Francis M McGarry had nineteen (19)
Joseph A. Dodge " six (6)
Francis M McGarry declared elected

On motion it was voted that the selectmen appoint all remaining Town Officers.

Art 3rd Taken up.
On motion voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed which is as follows
To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton
Your Selectmen respectfully submit their report for the year ending Feb 1st 1893
They have drawn orders upon the town Treasurer which have been paid by him, as per his report, in payment of the following bills against the Town, to wit:

Town Officers Salaries		
Selectmen		
Herbert F Allen		
Francis E Huckins		
Perley Goddard		$300 00
Henry E Brooks		
Fred A Dodge		
Edwin A Hore, financial clerk		
Assessors		
Arthur M Bigelow	$175 00	
Silas E Stowe	95 00	
Luther K Leland	87 75	357 75
Overseers of the Poor		
Henry L Banister	$125 00	
Silas Vinton	25 00	
Erastus Adams	40 00	190 00
Sextons		
James Gleason	$212 50	
Amos Getchell	119 00	331 50
Registrars of Voters		
Benjamin F Gibson		
Charles M Batchelder		
Aaron Elliot		100 00
Town Clerk		

Tax Collector

Edwin A. Hoyt				$398	97

Election Officers

Joseph A. Doge	Inspector	2	50		
James E. Carney	"	2	50		
M Henry Prout	Deputy Inspector	2	50		
William E. Fowler	" "	2	50		
Clarence N. Putnam	" "	2	50		
Elisha D. Holbrook	Teller Mar 7-1892	2	50		
Perley Goddard	" " " "	2	50		
Frank H. Prentice	" Nov 8-1892 "	3	00		
Thomas J. Ryan	" Mar 7-1892	2	50		
Thomas Wilmarth	" " " "	2	50		
Francis E. Huckins	" " " "	2	50		
William E. Donovan	" " " "	2	50		
Samuel F. Nichols	" " " "	2	50		
Alden M. Bigelow	" " " "	2	50		
Herbert F. Allen	" " " "	2	50		
David S. Bassett	" " " "	2	50		
William Storie Jr	" Nov 8th "	2	50		
Henry Post	" " " "	2	50		
Frank M. Elliot	" " " "	2	50		
Lyman M. Rice	" " " "	2	50		
Samuel B. Hale Jr	" " " "	2	50		
Edwin A. Ford	" " " "	2	50		
Henry Miles	Constable " " "	2	50		
Amos G. Getchell	" " " "	2	50	65	00

Constables and Police Officers

James Carney		30	15		
William H. Miles		17	50		
James Gleason		9	75		
Amos G. Getchell		17	50		
Nelson H. Hildreth		5	00		
William Storie Jr		5	00		
Christopher Flynn		17	50		
Alexander Jefferson		12	00		
Frank E. Fay		7	00		
J. Gorzey		5	00		
Stephen Denning		5	00		
J. W. Gould		5	00		
Theodore B. French		5	00	161	4

Town Clerk

Edwin A. Howe	$75	00		
" " Registering Births Marriages & Deaths	82	80	$157	80

Town Treasurer

Henry F Wing			100	00

School Committee

George H Pratt	101	25		
D Webster Norcross	383	76		
Warren B Maxwell	42	50	527	51

Appropriation $400.00
Over draft 127.51

Superintendent of Schools

Stanley H Holmes			1150	20

Appropriation $750.00
Received from State 250.00
$1000.00
Over draft $150.20

Schools

High School	Appropriation Mar 7	$1800.00			
	Dec 14	588.85	$2388.85	2074	72
Common School	" Mar 7	7631.25			
	Dec 14	933.72	$8564.97	7686	10
Repairs and Fixtures	Mar 7	800.00			
	Dec 14	755.52	$1555.52	1554	66
Fuel and Janitors			1400.00	1653	87
Books and Stationary	Mar 7th	800.00			
	Dec 14	324.09	1124.09	1183	30
Recd from State			274.41		
" " by Receipt of Supt of Schools			419.38		
Interest on Town Bond			65.00		
			$15792.25		
Truant Officer				39	87
George K Nichols Rent				190	50
R S Hood "				5	00
Census				35	00
Dr F H Claff services				10	00
Supt's Room furniture				40	49
" " janitor				12	50
Insurance on books etc				7	50
				1449	01

Support of Poor

Appropriation	$6000	00		
Received from Farm	1066	62		
" " Towns	149	41		
Due from "	498	00		
Increase of Inventory	452	89		
			$8166	92
Selectmens orders			6642	80
Unexpended balance			1524	12

Fire Dept

Appropriation	$1100	00		
Alden M Bigelow, Chief Engineer			1244	97
Over draft –	$144	97		

Hydrant Rental.

Appropriation	$2500	00		
Grafton Water Co			2500	00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	$100	00		
A B R Sprague Post 249 G.A.R.			100	00

Common

Appropriation	$50	00		
Committee on Common			50	00

Town House

Income from Town House	$1023	50		
Committee, running expenses			1024	54
Income less than expenses	1	04		

Street Lights – Center

Appropriation	$100	00		
Paid Henry F Wing			100	00

Free Public Library

Appropriation, Dog Fund	$477	02		
Delivery to Villages	125	00		
	602	02		
Henry F Wing Treasurer			602	02

Highways

Appropriation	$3000	00		
Paid John E McClellan Supt of Streets			$2994	70
Unexpended balance "	5	04		
Snow bills			238	35

Sidewalks

Appropriation	1000	00		
" Sidewalk or Street light	200	00		
	1200	00		
Assessments paid	261	77		
" due	87	00		
	1548	77		
Paid John E McClellan			1532	58
Over draft	3	81		

Soldiers Aid

Appropriation	$100	00		
Paid Town of Gardner for Margaret Byron	43	25		
" Augustus E Davis	15	00	58	25
Unexpended balance			41	75

Prosecution of Liquor Cases

Appropriation	300	00		
Paid C H Smith of Millbury	211	90		
" Nelson H Hildreth	31	50		
" Amos G Getchell	20	00		
" Potter and Aiken	22	00	285	40

Indian Burying ground

Appropriation	$100	00		
Paid John E McClellan	29	50		
" James McFarland	20	00		
" H S Jourdan	5	00		
" Gilman P Young	25	00		
" Perley Goddard	20	50	100	00

Drainage Waterville Road No Grafton

Appropriation	$500	00		
Paid John E McClellan	623	25		
" F E Huckins	5	00	628	25
Overdraft	128	25		

A. B. R. Sprague Relief Fund.

Appropriation		$100	00	
Paid Clarence Sumner, Quartermaster				$100 00

Old Cemetery

Appropriation		200	00	
Paid Andrew J Hall		17	75	
" Augustus Legacey		7	75	
" James D Whitney		7	00	
" Albert Bradish		17	75	
" William J Feehan		18	50	
" Perley Goddard		3	20	
" John E McClellan		4	50	76 45
unexpended balance		123	55	

Miscellaneous.

Appropriation		1000	00	
Paid C F Lawrence & Co Printing Town Report & ballots		168	75	
" Bell Orme & Burrel, Tables		23	00	
" F E Huckins witness fees Dennott case		15	90	
" Putnam Sprague & Co Tables		21	00	
" A J Kirby Lunch for Tellers Mar 7 - 1892		9	80	
" Silas Vinton carrying teachers & Scholars		63	60	
" James Gleason Soldiers burial		35	00	
" E C Bates making deed &c		3	00	
" James Gleason Soldiers burial		35	00	
" William H Miles Fire warden forest fire Apr 8th		11	90	
" David S Bassett " " " " Apr 14th		25	65	
" P B Murphy assessors book		4	73	
" Francis E Huckins Farnum watering trough		15	00	
" John E McClellan Fire Warden forest fire Apr 18th		49	90	
" " " Tools &c for highway		59	35	
" E A Howe Sundries		20	05	
" A J Ford mowing Cemetery Farnumsville		4	00	
" Thomas Wilmarth forest fire May 1st		3	60	
" Chas E Forshay & Jonathan Wheeler burying dog		10	00	
" C F Lawrence printing assessors list		34	00	
" Samuel Wilde mowing Old Cemetery		25	00	
" John E McClellan guide boards		80	10	
" G B Wood order book		8	00	

Paid John B Scott service re Lyman Ford case	67	23	6	
" James Gleason Soldiers burial	35	00		
" C F Lawrence & Co printing voting lists	37	50		
" W. J Barker Lamps for voting Shelter	1	50		
" Luther K Leland, Assessors notice	4	75		
" John A Broom burying hoce	2	00		
" Perley Goddard watering trough	5	00		
" Simeon E Cronk " "	5	00		
" A J Kirby lunch for tellers Nov 8	12	00		
" C F Lawrence & Co Printing Warrants and Registrars Summary	6	25		
" Edward Beauregard putting up voting Shelter	3	00		
" Perley Goddard cattle inspector under Chap 58 Sec 1 Acts 1892	6	75		
" Perley Goddard Sundries for Selectmen	6	00		
" W B Maxwell vaccinating School Children	127	00		
" Physicians birth returns	26	00		
" James Carney posting warrants	6	00		
" E A Howe Sundries	12	50	1081	84

Summary of orders drawn.

Paid Town Officers	2689	93	
" for Schools	14,593	01	
" Support of Poor	4,642	80	
Fire Department	1,244	97	
Hydrant Rental	2,500	00	
Memorial Day	100	00	
Common	50	00	
Town House, running expenses	1,024	54	
Street Lights Centre	100	00	
Free Public Library	602	02	
Highways	2994	70	
Snow bills	238	35	
Superintendent of Schools	1150	20	
Sidewalks	1552	58	
Soldiers Aid, Chap. 298. Acts, 1889	58	25	
Prosecution of Liquor cases	285	40	
Indian burying ground	100	00	
Drainage, Waterville Road No Groff	625	25	
A B R Sprague Relief fund	100	00	
Old Cemetery	74	45	
Miscellaneous	1081	84	37713 29

Receipts

Cash at commencement of year	$947	64		
" Borrowed on notes	16000	00		
" From all other sources	49016	05	65963	69

Expenditures

Selectmens orders	$37713	29		
Borrowed on Notes	17500	00		
Town Bond No 9. paid	500	00		
All other payments	8978	32		
Cash on hand	1272	08		
			65963	69

Financial Statement Feb 1-1892

Debt of Town

Bonds issued 1889	$70500	00		
Winthrop Faulkner, Library Fund	2000	00	72500	00
Available Assets				
Cash in hands of Treasurer	1272	08		
" " " Overseers of Poor	300	00		
" " " Collector of Taxes	201	13		
Due from State Military Aid 1892	684	00		
" " other Towns for support of Poor	498	00		
Uncollected Taxes 1891	149	51		
" " " 1892	1344	26		
Personal property (Town farm)	4285	39	8744	49
Debt less available assets			63755	51
Net debt Feb 1st 1892	65406	95		
" " 1st 1893	63755	51		
Decrease of debt			1651	44

Special appropriation to be raised by Taxation 1893

Common Schools	983	72		
High Schools	588	88		
Books and Stationary	324	09		
Repairs and furniture	255	52	2402	2
Amount expended High School	274	72		
" " Common "	54	25		
" " Books and Stationary	324	09		
" " Repairs and furniture	255	52	1409	0
Unexpended balance			1193	1

Unavailable Assets

3 fire engines and fixtures	500	00
1 hose carriage	300	00
1 hook and ladder carriage	200	00
3 engine houses	2,000	00
1 lock up	200	00
1 tramp house	125	00
2 hearse houses	500	00
3 hearses	500	00
11 School houses	25,000	00
Furniture of Town Hall and office	850	00
Free public library	5,000	00
Town farm and buildings	9000	00
Town House	25000	00
	69175	00

Jury List

The following is the list of the Jurors submitted by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the town:

Adams Erastus
Axtell Cyrus R.
Bannister Henry L.
Bassett David S.
Batchelder Charles M.
Bigelow Arthur M.
Brewer Thomas H.
Brooks George B.
Brooks Henry E.
Brown John A Saunders vile
Brown William H
Chamberlin Edward F.
Chase Daniel S.
Chickering Jonas H
Corey Bernard J.
Crowe Patrick H
Davis Loren S.
Davenport Stearns L.
Elliot Aaron
Fiske David L.
Fitzpatrick Edward
Gannon Michael
Getchell Amos G.
Gibson Benjamin F.
Goddard Perley
Goddard J Augustin
Goddard Joseph D.
Gurney Abram E.
Hall Henry
Howe Edwin A.
Keith Moses
Keith John F.
Kelley James C.
Knowlton Samuel H.
Knight Willard P.
Leland Henry R.
Leonard Sumner F.
Lincoln Dwight E
Longee George P.
Lynch Thomas
Manning Thomas J
Mann Henry
Merchant William H.
Nichols Harrington L.
Nichols Gilbert A.
Paine Elias A.
Pennock Samuel D.
Pratt Charles L.
Pratt Clarence R.
Prentice Frank H.
Prout Michael H.
Rice Ashley W.
Rice Lyman M.
Riggs Henry M.
Rogers Stephen S.
Sargent Lucius M.
Sherry William
Sinclair Herbert E
Smith Charles A (No Graft)
Storrie William Jr
Stowe Lewis A.
Stowe Silas E
Sumner Clarence
Sweeney Samuel E
Thomas James H.
Thurber Edward C.
Tyler Henry J.
Vinton Frank E.
Walter George W.
Wood C Edward
Worcester Franklin
Warren Horace S.

Appropriations

Appropriated 1892			Recommended for 1893	
$1,500	00	Town Bonds Nos 10-11-12	$1,500	00
3,000	00	Interest on Town Debt	3,000	00
2,388	88	High School	1,800	00
8,544	97	Common School	7,500	00
1,400	00	Fuel and Janitors	1,400	00
1,124	09	Books and Stationary	800	00
1,555	52	Repairs and fixtures	800	00
1,100	00	Fire Department	1100	00
3000	00	Highways	3000	00
Dog Fund		Free Public Library	Dog Fund	
4,000	00	Support of Poor	3500	00
100	00	Memorial Day	100	00
50	00	Common	50	00
75	00	Town Clerk's Salary	75	00
100	00	Town Treasurer's "	100	00
50	00	Library at No Grafton	50	00
25	00	" " Farnumsville	25	00
25	00	" " Fisherville	25	00
25	00	" " Saundersville	25	00
2,500	00	Grafton Water Co hydrants	2,500	00
100	00	Street lights on Sidewalk Center	100	00
100	00	" " " " No part of town	100	00
100	00	" " " " South " "	100	00
2,000	00	Town Officers except Clerk-Treasurer & School Com	2,000	00
400	00	School Committee	400	00
750	00	Superintendent of Schools	750	00
200	00	State Aid	200	00
1,000	00	Miscellaneous	1300	00
300	00	Prosecution of Liquor Cases	300	00
100	00	Soldiers Aid under Chap. 298 Acts 1889	100	00
100	00	G.A.R. Post 24 Relief fund	100	00
1,000	00	Sidewalks	1000	00
		New Hose for Fire Department	480	00
200	00	Drain at North Grafton	200	00
200	00	Old Cemetery		
100	00	Indian burying ground		
		Snow bills	1000	00
$38,533	47		$37,480	00

Jurors drawn

Franklin Baldwin — George H Huckins
Alden M Bigelow — Park H Webb
Edward S Clark — Augustus Fowler
Elisha D Holbrook

Respectfully submitted

A true copy of report — Francis E Huckins
Attest — Perley Goddard
Edwin A Howe — Henry E Brooks
Town Clerk — Fred A Dodge

Selectmen of Grafton

On motion it was voted to accept the the Treasurers report as printed which is a follows

Henry F. Wing, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Grafton

Dr

To Cash from last report			947	64
" " Town House Committee rents of Town House			1023	50
Amount from Taxes				
From E A Howe, Collector			39896	92
Amount borrowed on Town notes				
From Grafton Savings Bank			16000	00
" Overseers of Poor			1253	03
Deposited for permanent care of lots in Cemetery	2 00			
Cornelia A Taft	200	00		
Estate of Adelia R Humes	50	00	250	00
Amount from Commonwealth as follows				
Corporation tax	1068	95		
National Bank tax	676	23		
Military aid, Chap 279, Acts 1889	200	00		
State Aid " 301 " 1889	540	00		
Support of State paupers	22	25		
Burial of State Paupers	9	00		
Burial of indigent Soldiers and Sailors	52	50		
Expense of contagious diseases	11	30		
Income of School fund	274	41		
Account of Superintendent of Schools	669	38	3524	02
Amount from County				
Dog tax			542	76

Amount from Sundries

From First District of Eastern Worcester			126	58
" Joseph B Adams for Concrete Sidewalks			100	00
" J E McClellan account of Sidewalks			261	77
" D W Norcross " of Flagg High School			6	50
Amount from Licenses				
Auctioneers J H Hildreth	2	00		
A G Getchell	2	00		
Cyrus R Axtell	2	00		
	2	00		
Pool Tables J Le Clair	4	00		
John Tebo	4	00		
A J Kirby	2	00		
Peter Flynn	2	00		
Peddler E A Willard	11	00	31	00
Estate of Winthrop Faulkner Library fund			2000	00
			65963	69
Cr				
By Paid Selectmens orders			37713	29
" " Town Notes Grafton Savings Bank	17500	00		
1892 Oct 1 Town Bond No 9	500	—	18000	00
1892 By paid interest on Notes & Bonds as follows				
April 1 Town bonds $71,000 6 mos	1420	00		
Oct 1 " " " "	1420	00		
" 31 Grafton Savings Bank	373	33		
Permanent Care of Cemetery lots	24	00	3237	33
Paid State Tax	1,872	50		
" National Bank Tax	601	92		
" County Tax	1,840	00		
" Military Aid	176	00		
" State Aid	596	00		
" Acct of First District Court of Eastern Worcester	226	84		
" Assessors order of abatement of Taxes	261	48	5574	74
B " Insurance, 5 School houses	114	75		
" 3 engine "	14	00		
Town library	27	50		
Hearse house and hence	10	00	166	25
Balance Cash on hand Feb 23, 1893			1272	0

Grafton Feb 23rd 1893 Respectfully submitted

Examined the above account and finds it correct. Andrew J Hall Henry F Wind Treasurer

C M Wing Auditors

A true Copy of report
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Cemetery Funds

Dolly A. Thayer fund, $200, deposited in the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank.

1892			
Feb 1	To cash balance from last year	3	49
	Amount expended on lot	1	25
1893 Feb 1	Balance in hands of Treasurer	2	24

Jeremiah Learned fund $500, deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings

	Interest received on same	35	65
	Amount expended on lot	5	00
Feb 1st 1893	Balance in hands of Treasurer	30	65

G E Merriam fund, $400, deposited in Grafton Saving Bank

Feb 1, 1893	Interest received on same	50	14
	Amount expended on lot	11	00
" 1st	Balance in hands of Treasurer	39	14

Hannah S Puffer fund		$200,
Sylvia W Dadmun	"	$100,
Martha W Bates	"	50,
Cornelia A Taft	"	200,
Adelia R Haines	"	50,

Feb 1 1893	Received interest on same	24	00
	Amount expended on lots	7	00
" 1st	Balance in hands of Treasurer	17	00

Respectfully Submitted
Henry F Wing
Treasurer

Grafton Feb 1st 1893

Examined the above accounts and find it correct
A J Hall
C M Wing
Auditors

A true copy of the report
Attest Edwin A Lowe
Town Clerk

State Aid

State aid has been claimed and allowed, under the laws of this Commonwealth to disabled Soldiers and their families and paid by the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, in each month, during the past twelve months the several sums set against their respective names up to Feb 1st 1893

Mrs Catherine Welch	12 Month	$2.00 per Month	24 —
Mrs Emeline A Smith	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
Mrs Johanna Smith	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
Mrs Ann Bradley	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
Mrs Caroline Mitchell	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
William Carter	2 "	8.00 " "	16 —
Mrs Sarah J Martin	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
Augustus E Davis	12 "	2.00 " "	24 —
Mrs Almira M Fuller	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
Mrs Elizabeth Harding	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
John Galligan	2 "	4.00 " "	8 —
Jonathan E Nichols	12 "	8.00 " "	96 —
J H Kimball	1 "	8.00 " "	8 —
H J Tyler	12 "	3.00 " "	36 —
Lydia Platt	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
Prudria Hastings	12 "	4.00 " "	48 —
Mack Lynch	10 "	5.00 " "	50 —
Walter H Richardson	8 "	6.00 " "	48 —
Loring Gray	6 "	5.00 " "	30 —
			772 00

Respectfully submitted
Henry F Wing
Treasurer

Examined the above account and find it correct

A J Hall
C M Wing
Auditors

A true Copy of report
Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Town House Committee

On motion it was voted to accept the report of the Town House Committee as printed which is as follows.

Town House Committee in account with Town of Grafton.

Dr

To Cash received on Selectmens orders			$1,024	54
To Amount Rents from Town House				
Town Hall one year to Feb 1st 1893	$187	00		
First National Bank to July 1st 1892	112	50		
Store J H Carpenter to Jan 1st 1893	265	00		
Post Office Martin Hickey " "	200	00		
Office E F Brackett " "	60	00		
Court Room Franklin Lodge " "	84	00		
	40	00		
G R Nichols & Son Steam	45	00		
Grafton National Bank	30	00	1,023	50
			2,048	14

Cr

By paid Town Treasurer as per his receipt			1,023	50
General repairs to Town House				
Samuel H Redding painting	$44	75		
G R Nichols & Son. paints and oils	21	44		
Brannan Dow & Co labor and material	13	70		
S F Smith & Son. plumbing	4	50		
Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Co.	30	00	116	59
Town House running expenses				
Janitor and Agent for Hall	$300	00		
Heating	468	94		
Lighting	127	57		
Sundries	11	50	907	95
			$2,048	24

Respectfully submitted

Horace S Warren
Henry F Wing } Town House Committee

Grafton Feb 1st 1893

Examined the above report and find it correct

A J Hall
F M McGary } Auditors

A true copy of the report
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Overseers of the Poor.

On motion it was voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed which is as follows

Receipts

Cash on hand Feb 1st 1892.	$300	00		
Selectmen's orders on Town Treasurer	6641	80		
From Towns for pauper aid	149	41		
" sales of produce	1064	62	$8157	83

Expenditures

Tramp account	$125	60		
Almshouse expenses	4058	59		
Paid Cities and Towns	319	24		
" Aid to paupers out of Almshouse	1323	45		
" Hospital bills	784	15		
" Postage, traveling expenses, &c	21	77		
" Town Treasurer	1253	03	7857	83
Cash in hands of Overseers			300	00

Almshouse Account.

Dr

Warden and Matron	$364	66		
Labor on farm	281	01		
Housework and nursing	198	41		
Medical attendance	159	99		
*Medicine and Hospital supplies	158	93		
+Groceries and provisions	1543	94		
Dry Goods and Clothing	109	94		
House furnishing and repairs on building	277	32		
Coal	197	99		
Stock	297	43		
Grain and grinding	282	25		
Blacksmith bills	50	19		
Miscellaneous expenses	132	01	4058	59

Cr

Milk	533	48		
Hay, Straw and Fodder	199	12		
Beef, pork and veal	253	08		
Vegetables	48	47		
Sundries	32	47	1064	62
Increase of Inventory			452	85
Net cost of Almshouse			2539	88

*$1752 is bill of 1890-91. +$8950 is bill of 1891

For which 790 weeks support has been furnished at a weekly cost of $3.21+

Number of inmates supported at the Almshouse within the year 26,

Remaining in Almshouse Feb 1st 1893

Charles Hayden,	Lydia Thacher.
John Pogue,	Frank Newton.
John Riley.	Austin D. Sherman.
Michael Atty,	Jagues Parent.
William Sawyer	Noah Parent.
Eliza Stone.	Lizzie Sweeney.
Frank Goodrich,	Thomas Cusick,
Laurene Adams,	Harriet Knowlton,

Hospital bills

Paid for Ann Winn at Fitchburg	$ 146	40		
" " Edward A. Wilson at Worcester	169	92		
" " George L. Wheelock " "	169	92		
" " Jesse A. Bradish " Westborough	123	57		
" " Charles Denega " Bridgewater,	144	40	754	15

Out-Door Poor

Aid has been granted to persons out of Almshouse as follows.

Ann Benoit and family	$ 212	00
Mary Turner	152	34
Dolly Fairbanks (aid and burial)	15	50
Ebenezer Gates (burial)	12	50
Pat Mc Henry (burial)	12	50
C Frank Nichols	37	92
Charles Lynch	4	00
Eliza A Adams	154	90
Thomas Cusick	43	80
A. B Mason	7	00
George D Sprague	50	00
Mary Ann Bacham	49	50
Daniel Peters	42	00
Mrs Leon Bourassa	70	00
Margaret Balcome	106	00
Michael Buckley	87	25
Patrick H Conroy	3	00
Peter Pluff (burial)	8	90
Cynthia A Lee	93	00

Joseph Benoit	$ 18	00		
Henry Leblanc	19	00		
William C Wood	9	38		
Mrs Joseph Bachaw and family	14	00		
John Trembly	45	88		
Mary Vallecourt	8	89		
Frank Odlum	18	85		
Mary J Johnson	4	20		
Russell	4	40		
George C Coffin	8	00		
Diantha Chamberlin	4	75	$ 1323	45

Cities and Towns

Bills have been paid for paupers having settlement in Grafton

Worcester	for	Michael O'Conner	$ 2	85	
	"	Mary Goldeworth	8	44	
	"	Maurice Goodnow	4	00	
Lowell	"	Noah Parent	43	58	
	"	Victor Benoit	7	00	
Taunton	"	Noah Parent	54	00	
Brockton	"	Andrew Burbank	7	50	
	"	Mary A Prout and family	30	00	
Springfield	"	Felix McCurrie	7	14	
Natick	"	John H Gardner	41	75	
Milford	"	Felix Goodnow	21	00	
Northbridge	"	Mary Burns	78	00	
Millbury	"	Mathew Broughyen	12	00	$ 319 24

Tramp account

Paid James Carney for lodging 826	$ 103	25		
beds at 12½ cts each	22	35	$ 125	60
3 tons Coal				

Receipts from Towns

From Uxbridge	$ 89	25		
" Millbury	37	94		
Westborough	22	20		
Town Treasurer received from State Treasurer on pauper account	42	55	$ 191	94

Summary

Received from Town Treasurer			$ 6641	80
Paid Town Treasurer	$ 1253	03		
Due from Town and State	498	00		
Increase of inventory	452	89	2203	92
Net cost of support of Poor			4437	88

Inventory of Personal Property on Town Farm Feb 1st 1893

Fifteen cows	$ 578	00
Two heifers	45	00
One bull	20	00
Three horses	367	00
Seven Swine	56	00
32 fowls	24	00
400 bushels corn	280	00
1,190 lbs bran	12	45
656 lbs. cotton seed	9	42
Corn meal	3	50
1 bushel oats	3	50
Rye	21	75
Provender	3	75
Three single harnesses	40	00
One pair team harnesses	25	00
Sleigh	30	00
Democrat wagon	45	00
Express wagon	45	00
Team wagon	45	00
Four wheel cart	30	00
Two one horse wagons	60	00
Two-horse sled	50	00
One-horse sled	45	00
Hay tedder	20	00
Horse rake	12	00
Mowing machine	40	00
1000 feet lumber	20	00
Horse hoe	4	00
Cultivator	5	00
"A" harrow	10	00
Perry harrow	12	00
Breed weeder	6	00
Plows	25	00
Stone drag	5	00
Smoothing drag	3	00

over

Sand screen	$5	00	
Hay cutter	5	00	
Ladders and hooks	11	00	
Scales and measures	8	00	
Wheelbarrows	2	50	
Baskets	7	00	
Blankets and robes	20	00	
Barrel tar	4	70	
100 flour bbls	10	00	
10 tons Stove coal	70	00	
20 " furnace Coal	130	00	
65 bushels potatoes	65	00	
45 " Small "	11	25	
133 lbs Salt pork	18	62	
50 Gal Vinager	7	50	
Vegetables	23	00	
Kerosene Oil	3	45	
Hay caps	30	00	
Grindstone	9	00	
17 Cords stove wood	100	00	
Stone tools	5	00	
Household goods	900	00	
Farmers boiler	38	00	
Groceries on hand	60	00	
Other farming tools	100	00	
25 tons English hay	450	00	
7¼ " Swale "	58	00	
Stack " "	35	00	
5 tons corn fodder	35	00	
Due from sale of produce	30	00	$4285 39

Appraised Feb 7th 1893

S. E Stowe
J. A Sweetser } Appraisers
S. H. Knowlton

Respectfully submitted

H. L Banister
Silas Vinton } Overseers of Poor
Erastus Adams

Examined the above and finds it correct.

A J Hall
F M McGarry } Auditors

A true copy of report
attest " Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Rawson Fund

On motion it was voted to accept as printed the report of the trustees of the Rawson Fund which is as follows

$500.00

Cash on hand Feb 1st 1892	$127	37		
Income	150	00	$277	37
Expended for relief	$241	51		
Cash on hand Feb 1st 1893	15	86	$277	37

For the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor
Perley Goddard Clerk

Examined the above and finds it correct
A J Hall
F M McGarry } Auditors

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Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Riverside Cemetery

On motion it was voted that the report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery be accepted as printed which is as follows

1892	By balance on hand	$49	50		
	Cash lot Sold	19	50		
	from Slocumb fund	27	25		
	" J L Biscoe "	1	00		
	" Pomeroy "	1	00	$98	25
1892	Dr				
June 7	To Cash J E McClellan labor on grounds	$35	50		
"	" Christopher Flynn, raking leaves	3	00		
Aug 18	" James D Whitney Repairs on fence	2	20		
" 22	" George W Stratton Mowing lots	8	00		
	" " " Labor on paths	3	00		
	John E McClellan returfing and grading Slocumb lot	23	00		
1893 Jan	Carl Slocumb lot	5	00		
	" Tinker lot "Pomeroy Fund"	1	00		
	" Biscoe lot	1	00		
Feb	A J Hall lumber &c for fence	3	31		
				84	26
	Balance on hand			$13	99

For the Trustees
Joseph A Dodge
Treasurer

Examined the above and finds it correct
A J Hall
F M McGarry } Auditors

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Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

North Grafton Cemetery

On motion it was voted to accept as printed the report of the Trustees of the North Grafton (Pine Grove) Cemetery which is as follows

Cr

By balance of account Jan 1st 1892	$7 14		
" Cash for lots sold	32 00	39	7
Dr			
For Cash paid for grading, repairs, etc		33	4
Balance on hand Jan 1st 1893		$6	3

For the Trustees
J H Smith
Treasurer

Examined the above and find it correct
A J Hall
F M McGarry } Auditors

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Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Fairview Cemetery

On motion it was voted to accept as printed the report of the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery which is as follows

1892 Cr			
Jan 22 By Cash on hand	$41 20		
Lots sold	73 80	$115	00
1892 Dr			
June 7. To A J Ford, Labor	$2 50		
" 11 J E McClellan, Labor	30 50		
Oct 12 W G Covell, "	38 45	$71	45
Balance on hand Feb 8 - 1893		43	5

For the Trustees
A L Fisher
Treasurer

Examined the above and find it correct
A J Hall
F M McGarry } Auditors

A true copy of report
Attest Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

A B R Sprague Relief fund.

On motion voted to accept the report of Quartermaster of A B R Sprague Post #24 G A R., as printed which is as follows.

Dr

Cash balance on hand Feb 1st, 1892.	$10	13		
Appropriation	100	00	$110	13
Expended for the relief of Soldiers and their families.	$87	17		
Cash balance on hand Feb 1st 1893	22	96	$110	13

Clarence Sumner
Quartermaster

Examined the above and finde it correct.
A J. Hall,
F M McCarry } Auditors

A true copy of report
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

Registers Report.

Voted to accept the Registrars as printed which is as follows. For the year ending December 31st 1892.

Marriages.

American born	33	
Foreigns born one or both	28	61

Births

Male.	63		American parentage	41	
Female	61	124	Foreigns parentage (one or both)	83	124

Deaths

Number of Males	44		American born	72	
" " Females	43	89	Foreigns born	17	89

Under one year of age	19.
Between 1 and 5 years of age	5
" 5 " 10 " " "	3
" 10 " 20 " " "	8
" 20 " 30 " " "	6
" 30 " 40 " " "	2
" 40 " 50 " " "	7
" 50 " 60 " " "	2
" 60 " 70 " " "	12
" 70 " 80 " " "	20
" 80 " 90 " " "	4
90 or over	1 89

Dogs Registered

Males	287	
Females	20	307

Respectfully submitted
Edwin A Howe
Registrar

Grafton Feb 1st 1893
A true copy of report
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Collectors Report.

Voted to accept the report of the Tax Collector as printed as follows

Edwin A Howe. Collector, in account with the Town of Grafton,

Dr

	$		$	
To Cash on hand, last report	272	18		
" amount collected Tax of 1890.	218	04		
" " " " 1891.	372	22		
" Interest on same	40	82	903	26

Cr

By Cash paid Henry F Wing Treasurer,			903	26
Total amount uncollected Tax of 1890	$42	33		
" " " " 1891	149	51		

As Collector for 1892,

Dr

To amount Tax committed to me as per Assessors warrant,	$40 438	48		
Subsequently assessed	104	00		
Interest since Oct 1st 1892.	109	09	$40551	57

Cr

By Cash paid Henry F Wing. Treasurer	$38,993	64		
" " on hand	216	35		
" Uncollected Taxes as per list	1,341	56	$40551	57

Unpaid Taxes Feb 23 - 1893

Allen Harry D.	$6	32	Billedeaux Felix	2	80
Atchue Joseph T.	4	72	Bombard Joseph.	2	80
Aiken, Charles	2	00	Boynton, George	13	20
Atchue, George	2	00	Bush, Nelson	2	80
Barrett Mr Patrick	20	32	Banks Hallet	2	00
Baenett Louis	25	04	Baenet Joseph	2	00

Bigelow George M	2	00
Blanchett John	2	00
Bouvette Nelson	2	00
Burns William	2	00
Chickering Jonath	15	60
Carroll Francis	7	28
Chamberlin Edwin A.	2	00
Callahan Jeremiah	2	00
Cicco Louis	2	00
Clellan William	2	00
Crowe John B.	2	00
Daniels Horace heirs of	24	00
Dagle Xavier	2	00
Farrington John C.	15	60
Fay Otis C.	27	60
Ferguson J C heirs of	41	60
Ferguson John heirs of	7	20
Fletcher Noah M.	35	20
Farrington Arthur E	2	00
Flynn Patrick	2	00
Flynn Peter	2	00
Forehay Charles E	2	00
Gallaghan Mrs John	18	40
Goodrich John R.	2	00
Greaney Eugene	2	00
Humes W Alfred	2	48
Humes Josephine	10	40
Johnston William	11	20
Johnson Leslie E	2	00
Johnson Olaf	2	00
Johnson Robert	2	00
Kelley Margaret heirs of	4	40
Kelley Patrick	3	60
Kempton John S.	12	40
Kelley Michael 2nd	2	00
Knowles Asa	2	00
Lynch Mack	8	40
Larson Augustus	2	00
Lemoureux Francois	2	00
Minnehan William	4	40
Myott Joseph	7	60
Maynor Izadore	2	00
Merrill Warren	2	00
Morando Joseph Jr	2	00
Mason Manuel	2	00
Munnier John	2	00
Morning Mathew	2	00
Nichols Mrs Jonathan	13	60
Nolan Samuel	2	00
O'Connor Dennis	2	00
O'Keefe, Thomas	2	00
Pierce, Silas A.	35	12
Putnam, Charlotte heir of	24	00
Putnam, Elias M.	3	12
Perron Dozerie	2	00
Pliff Mark	2	00
Rielly, James	2	48
Richardson Elmira F.	3	20
Robinson Benj heir of	21	92
Rankin John	2	00
Reilly John	2	00
Russell, Eli	2	00
Ryal William	2	00
Scott John B.	4	40
Stratton George W.	8	40
Savage Charles	2	00
Savage Louis	2	00
Smith Edward B.	2	00
Szrow Alfred	2	00
Stevens Frank	2	00
Stone, Joseph	2	00
Stone Vital	2	00
Thorndike, Samuel B.		00
Vondell, Nelson	2	00
Vondell Mrs Nelson	1	60
Warren Mrs Ellen	244	00
Wheeler Jonathan	2	48
White John B heirs of	38	40
Whitney James D.	43	12
Wood Harry F	6	00
Wood C Wesley	23	84
Worcester Franklin	130	80
Young Gilman P.	98	12
Young Thomas	2	00
Webber Nicholas	2	00
Stiles Emory	2	00
	1149	56

Non Residents.

Brigham Mrs Warren	19	20	Lally John		80
Brown Leroy S.	24	00	Newton Henry E.	25	60
Clancy James		80	Newton, Sullivan heirs of	92	00
Fournier Eliz	1	60	Perron Julia	1	60
Gage Eliphaz S.	3	20	Pullard, Charles A.	23	20
				192	

Total $1341.56

All of which is respectfully submitted
Edwin A Hove
Collector.

Examined the above and finde it correct
A J Hall
F M McGary } Auditors

A true copy of report
Attest Edwin A Hove
Town Clerk.

Engineers Report.

Voted to accept the report of the Chief Engineer. Fire Department. which is as follows

Alden M Bigelow. Chief Engineer. Fire Department, in account with Town of Grafton.

1892 Dr

May 3 Paid Services of fire Engineers May 1st 1891 to May 1st 1892	$ 60	00
" Rescue Hose Co Services May 1st 91 May 1 92	167	72
Henry S Griffin Hose Co Services May 1st 91 to May 1st 1892	168	35
" Blackstone Engine Co No 3 Services from May 1st 1891 to May 1st 1892	414	44
Hook and Ladder Co No 1 Services from May 1st 1891 to May 1st 1892	160	00
C B Wood bill	3	50
L H Bigelow "	8	00
G B Brooks "	4	75
G H Nichols bill	5	69
James E Pratt watching at E Guildings place after fire March 11 1892	2	50
Chester L Pratt watching at E Guildings place	2	50

May 3 Paid	Albert Bradish watching at E Goulding place	$ 2	50		
" " "	Edward Henry " " " "	2	50		
" " "	Edward E Whitney " " " "	2	50		
" " "	George Lougee "	2	50		
" " "	L Reddy. Patrick Crowe fire April 11/92	1	00		
" " "	C Morse " " "	1	00		
" " "	J Wheeler Watching at Fournier fire Apr 27/92	2	00		
" " "	Mrs Ann Noonan bill	8	00		
" " "	S Vinton & Son "	8	00		
" " "	John E McClellan "	9	70		
" " "	Leonard & Chase "	3	88		
" " "	Farnumsville Express "	5	00		
" " "	Alden M Bigelow bill	25	00		
Aug 1st "	W J Feehan "	5	00		
Oct 25 "	Cornelius Callahan & Co bill	22	84		
" "	Farnumsville Express "	5	00		
" "	Aaron Elliot "	7	93		
" "	Alden M Bigelow "	15	00		
" "	Henry Crippen Hose Co Fire Muster	25	00		
1893 Feb 14 "	A G Getchell, bill Rent	25	00		
" "	Gleason & Bailey Mfg Co bill	8	65		
" "	John E McClellan "	11	00		
" "	Silas Vinton & Son "	9	25		
" "	David S Bassett "	2	04		
" "	Farnumsville Express "	15	00		
" "	Joel Backard "	3	75		
" "	A J Hall "	2	15		
" "	H E Brooks "	2	75		
" "	H G Allen "	2	00		
" "	E C Lovering Service at Phillips fire	1	00		
" "	Joel Taft bill		50		
" "	Eugene Elliot bill		55		
" "	George K Nichols & Son bill	12	27	$ 1244	97

Cr

1892 May 3	By Selectmens orders	$ 1073	25		
Aug 1	" " "	5	00		
Oct 25	" " "	75	79		
1893 Feb 14	" " "	90	93	$ 1244	97

Alden M Bigelow
Chief Engineer

Examined the above and finde it correct

A true Copy
Attest Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

A J Hall
F M McGarry } Auditors

Common Committee

Voted to accept the report of the Common Committee as printed. as follows,

Town of Grafton, in account with Committee on Common

Dr

1892	Paid labor raking whole Common Square and cleaning ditches	$ 9	00		
April 8.	Painting. Carting and Storage for Seats for 1891-92	8	00		
May 10	Mowing grass and cleaning up around Monument.	1	25		
July 20	Mowing Common. round Monument with Lawn Mower and sickle	12	00		
Aug 4	Labor grading and weeding walks Common and Monument lawns	5	00		
	Lumber and repairs on fence and Band stand.	6	19		
Nov	Team work carting dirt moving Seats &c	8	50	$ 50	00

Cr

By appropriation			$ 50	00
Tools on hand				
Lawn mower.	7	00		
Rope		75	$ 7	75

For the Committee

D. W. Norcross

Approved

A. J. Hall
F. M. McGarry } Auditors

A True Copy
Attest Edwin A. Hove
Town Clerk

Superintendent of Highways

Voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of Highways and Bridges as printed, as follows.

Highways and Bridges

Have received for repairing and maintaining highways and bridges, and expended as follows.

Worcester Road	$233	00		
Farnumsville Road	20	00		
Westboro "	297	00		
Old Westboro "	35	00		
Millbury "	108	00		
New Upton "	230	00		
Old Upton "	139	00		
North Grafton to Shrewsbury Line	103	00		
" " " Westboro "	70	00		
Mc Mannus " Wessons Row Road	54 7	00		
George Hill	17	00		
Creeper Hill	49	00		
Keith Hill to Farnumsville	54	00		
Upton Hill	65	00		
P. & W River Road	267	00		
Grafton to Saundersville	197	00		
Folletts Road	30	00		
Pullard "	56	00		
Prentice "	5	00		
Sibley "	20	00		
Brigham Hill	28	00		
Leland Hill	80	00		
Ferry Street	18	00		
Common	50	00		
South Street	42	00		
Oak "	23	00		
Northbridge Hill	46	00		
Mrs Jourdans to Ice House	115	00		
Edward Estabrook, Road	37	00		
New Road, Fisherville	50	00		
Lewis Stowe	21	00		
Waterville	30	00		
Scraping and Raking Stones	245	00		
Bridges	73	00		
Culverts	60	00		
John E McClellan, Services	79	20	$2994	20
Appropriation			$3000	00
Balance unexpended	$5	30		

Extra bills

Snow bills for year ending Feb 1st 1893			$238	35

Special appropriation. No Graftin drain

Expended for labor and material			$628	25
Appropriation			500	00
Over draft			128	25

Sidewalks

Appropriation	$1000	00		
" Sidewalks or Street Lights	200	00		
From Joseph B Adams of Westbrook	100	00	$1300	00
Amount expended	1552	58		
Less Betterments	348	77	1203	81
Betterments paid	241	77		
" not "	87	00	3487	7
Unexpended balance			96	19

List of Tools on hand

42 Shovels	2 Iron bars	1 Plow
27 Rakes	1 Old Road Machine	1 Side Scraper
17 Picks	1 Gravel Screen	2 Snow plows
4 Forks	1 Mortar bed	1 New Road Machine

Guide Boards

are maintained on all roads in town except a few cross Roads.

John E McClellan
Supt of Streets

Examined the above and finds it correct.

A J Hall
F M McGarry } Auditors

A true Copy
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Assessors Report

Voted to accept the Report of the Assessors as printed, to wit:

Number of Residents assessed	454
" Corporations and Firms	24
" Non-Residents Assessed	107
" " Corporations and firms	5
" Persons Assessed Poll Tax only	798
" Polls	1275

Poll Tax $2.00

Value of Personal property assessed	$581005	00
" " Resident Bank Stock	62500	00
Buildings Assessed	1137370	00
Land Assessed	529655	00
Total Personal Property	$643005	00
" Real Estate	1685025	00
" Valuation	$2330030	00

Number of Horses assessed	556
" " Cows "	953
Sheep "	70
Cattle other than Cows	298
Swine	112
Fowl	6837
Dwelling Houses	995
Acres of land	13384¼

Town Grant	$35500	00
State Tax	1872	00
County "	1840	00
Overlayings	617	98
Total	$39830	48

Luther K Leland
Silas E Stone
Arthur M Bigelow
} Assessors of Groton

Examined the above and finds it correct
A true copy of report
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

A J Hall
F M McGary
} Auditors

Free Public Library.

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library as printed. The following is Financial part of the report, for a more extended report see printed report on file.

Henry F Wing, Treasurer, in account with Free Public Library and Reading Room,

1892	Dr		
Feb 25th	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	256	60
Sept 6th	Received Appropriation of the Dog Fund.	477	02
1893 Feb 1st	Income Field Library Fund.	83	28
	Librarian, fines and catalogues	4	40
	Total receipts	820	70
	Cr.		
By Cash paid for books purchased for Library		386	52
	J Weeby Hon. binding books	110	75
	For. periodicals and papers.	73	10
	Stone & Forsyth, paper for covering books	10	08
	William Gilmeau two book cases	45	00
	" " labor on library cases.	4	25
	Express	3	65
	Incidentals for Office	7	05
	Covering books	3	05
	Hattie S Mann. Salary to March 1, 1893	175	00
	Total expenditures	820	70

The Trustees would respectfully recommend an appropriation for the library of $350.00. to gather with the proceeds of the Dog Tax, for the current year.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

B. A. Robin
Chairman

Examined the above and finde it correct

A J Hall
C M Wing } Auditors

A true copy of Report
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

School Committee

Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed, for a full report see printed copy on file, the following is the Financial Statement.

High School

1892					
March 18th	Paid George Rugg 7 weeks	$233	33		
	" Effie C Dascombe 7 "	97	14		
	" Lucy W Biscoe 7 "	35	00		
	" H D Hall Janitor	21	00		
	Amount paid on account 1891-92			$386	47
1893					
Jan 28th	Paid George Rugg, Principal	$999	99		
	Effie C Dascombe 1st Assistant - 4 mo 25/9	349	92		
	Dora M Sibley " " " Jan 28/93	83	34		
	Lucy W Biscoe 2nd " " June 24/92	96	00		
	Minnie F Waugh " " Jan 28/93	180	00		
				$1709	25
	H D Hall Janitor 4 June 24/92	$30	25		
	Robert P Capron " " Jan 28/93	48	00		
				$78	25
	Fuel			$153	61
	Appropriation March 12th 1892 for Teachers	$1800	00		
	" Dec 17 - 1892 " " +				
	Fuel and Janitors	588	88		
	Amount paid last years account	386	47		
	Proportion of Appropriation for fuel and Janitor March 11th 1892	300	00		
				$3,075	35
Feb 1st	Unexpended balance			747	77
	This amount already appropriated will be due and paid Teachers and Janitors at close of current year of 36 weeks. March 11th 1893.			361	34
	Total unexpended balance			$386	43
	Paid for alterations in recitation Rooms repairs and sanitary improvements.			$379	46

Common Schools.

Grafton Centre — North St.

Dept					
1	Paid Lizzie J Andrews.	$156	00		
1+2	Margaret C Lynch.	363	50		
2	Mary A. Carr.	307	00		
3	Fannie M Gleason	290	50		
4	Ida M Pratt.	200	00		
		1317	00	$1317	00
	Paid Janitor	122	25		
	" Fuel.	157	96	280	21
		1597	21	1597	21
	" Repairs, fixtures and sanitary improvements			148	43
5	Paid Anna M Long	300	50		
	Maud L Gurney.	57	00		
		357	50		
	Paid Janitor	30	25		
	Fuel.	28	41		
		414	30		
	Paid repairs fixtures and furnishing "annex"			57	91
	North Grafton				
1	Jennie Young				
2	Cynthia M Cawee.	437	00		
2	Annie C Sargent.	123	50		
3	Marie E Randall.	190	00		
3	Flora A Frost.	27	00		
4	Annie J Curran	270	00		
4	Eliza M Maxwell.	255	00		
5	Mary E Tenney.	252	50		
6	Alice J Gibson	280	50		
6	Katie L Mann.	110	50		
	Phebe M Pigeon.	170	00		
		48	00		
	Paid Janitor	1937	00		
	Fuel	198	00		
		163	62		
		2298	62		
	" Repairs, altering lower hall, new desks, other fixtures and sanitary improvements			$269	84

Farnumsville & Fisherville

Dep.			$			
1	Paid	Fannie A. Putnam	399	00		
2		R Ella Johnson	285	00		
2		Catherine F Quill	37	00		
3		Agnes T Healey	25	00		
3		Emma J Goddard	270	00		
4		Lizzie A Jewett	234	00		
4		Maude L Gurney	185	30		
4		Lucy W Biscoe assistant	21	00		
		Phebe M Pigeon	30	00		
			$1484	30		
		Janitor	$165	00		
		Fuel	152	58		
			$1803	88		

Paid Material and Shingling old part of School building. new windows in north room. Slate blackboards and other repairs and fixtures $436 34

Saundersville

1	Paid	Cora J Bowen	$396	00		
2	"	Flora A Frost	28	50		
2		Agnes T Healey	255	00		
		Emma W Hawkins assistant	231	00		
		Mary E Conley "	24	00		
			$934	50		
		Janitor	114	50		
		Fuel	41	75		
			$1090	75		

Paid New blackboard in recitation room repairing fence. Tree guards, and other repairs and fixtures $112 92

Waterville

Paid		Ada M Tenney	$297	00		
		Catherine F Quill	4	00		
			$301	00		
		Janitor	33	00		
		Fuel	18	49		
			$352	49		

Repairs and fixtures $27 24

Farms

Paid Delia M Hale	$117	00		
" Ida L Stevens	108	00		
" Minnie L Littlefield	72	00		
	$297	00		
Conveyance of teacher Miss Stevens	19	25		
Janitor	24	75		
Fuel	18	12		
	$359	12		
Paid repairing woodshed, horse etc			28	41

Keith Hill

Paid Anna L Dunn	$117	00		
Bertha L Metcalf	180	00		
	$297	00		
" Janitor	24	75		
Fuel	40	25		
	$362	00		
Paid repairs fixture, etc			18	34

Merriam

Paid Katie L Mann	$117	00		
Fannie L Stowe	180	00		
	$297	00		
" Janitor	22	50		
Fuel	5	32		
	$324	82		
Paid repairs and fixtures etc			18	0[illegible]

George Hill.

Paid Fannie L Stowe	$126	00		
" Emma E Green	108	00		
" Phebe M Pigeon	72	00		
	$306	00		
" Janitor	25	50		
" Fuel	28	38		
	$359	88		
Conveyance of teacher		50		
	$360	38		
Paid repairs, desk, fixtures.			21	0[illegible]

Brigham Hill.

Paid L Maude Wanamaker	$ 27	00		
Annie S Ford	270	00		
	$ 297	00		
" Janitor	32	25		
" Fuel	21	50		
	$ 350	75		
Paid repairs and fixtures			$ 22	32

High and Common Schools
Music and drawing Departments

Paid Flora M Randall	$ 515	05		
Travelling and other expenses	70	15		
	$ 585	00		

1892 Superintendents Room

Apr 2. Paid George H Richter & Co				
No 1½ Auto-Neostyle.	$ 15	00		
May 2. " Stanley H Holmes for repairs. papering, painting and carpeting	22	50		
Nov 7 A J Hall lumber	1	49		
	$ 38	99		
Feb 19 Paid R P Capron Janitor 3 weeks	$ 1	50		
June 4 1893 " " " 3 "	1	50		
Feb 13 " George F Newhall " 12 " to Feb 12/93	12	00	15	00
Paid George K Nichols Rent the year	$ 57	70		
" Fuel estimated	7	00		
	$ 64	70		

not included in this estimate

1892 18 Books Stationary and Supplies

Mar 24 Paid removing books, supplies to Supt Room	$ 1	27		
" Adams Express Co	1	90		
June 9 " " "		55		
April 11 " American book Co. Charts	50	00		
" Sanford Sawtelle Co	9	75		
" J H Carpenter supplies	29	42		
" Putnam Davis & Co	3	50		
" Silver Burdette & Co	3	34		
" S H Holmes postage	5	00		
May " Expresses 35 - 35 - 35 -	1	05		

May	Express	1555-40	1 95
June 6	Emerson & McClellan express on bre		20
	" "	moving boxes in March	2 50
	" "	Express on bre	25
	" "	" Apr 2 to 15-1892	1 35
	George R Nichols & Son	Ink	60
	J H Carpenter	Ink. etc	68
	Martin Hickey.	Rubber bands	1 52
	Richard Schwarz	toys	18 09
	Lut Shepard exchange account Higginson History		
	now in use. old account no interest charged		54 17
	Ginn & Co		14 08
	George H Richter & Co		1 10
	J H Hammett.		8 01
	Adams Express Co		40
	Boston School Supply Co old exchange account Monroe's		
	Readers now in use. no interest charged.		168 73
	Adams Express on bundles and boxes from Apr 29 to May 11		2 25
Aug 1	Putnam Davis & Co		17 60
July 2. 1892	Sanford Sawtelle & Co		8 50
" "			23 14
	Prang & Co	Putnam Davis & Co	34 92
			19 20
	" "		14 40
			7 20
	Boston School Supply Co		22 51
	George S. Perry & Co		23 50
	" " "		26 04
	" " "		3 21
	" " "		6 75
	" " "		1 80
	" " "		16 20
Sept 10	George H Rugg		5 45
	H M Riggs. express		1 20
	Martin Hickey		2 08
	G & U RR. freight		90
	Adams Express Co express. etc		3 00
	Ginn & Co		6 00
	Silver Burdette & Co		6 25
	Sanford Sawtelle Co		5 75
	American Book Co		8 64
	" "		30 72
	C B Wood printing		27 27
	" "		1 75

Sept 10	Boston School Supply Co	$ 6	00
	George S Perry & Co	42	30
	" "	33	45
Oct 3 Paid	G & U R R freight		40
	Putnam & Davis & Co	7	55
	Ginn & Co	1	03
	O B Wood	4	50
	Carl Schoenhof	2	52
	Ginn & Co	10	10
	" "	59	33
	American Book Co	4	80
Nov 7 Paid	Lee & Sheppard	2	42
	George S Perry & Co	1	40
	Educational Publishing Co	4	12
	George F King & Merrill	6	00
	C W Barden	1	73
	Adams Express Co		35
	G & U R R Express		80
	Sanford Sawtelle Co	12	75
	E L Kellog & Co	5	00
	O B Wood labels Sept 29th	4	25
Dec 5 Paid	S H Holmes Postage	5	00
	" George F King & Merrill	16	47
	" Jones McD & Stratton	4	20
	" George S Perry & Co	57	90
	" Sanford Sawtelle & Co	48	35
	" " "	20	80
1893	George K Nichols & Son	4	32
Jan 1 Paid	" " " " Gal Cut and print measures	5	87
	" " " " dry measures	8	00
	" " " " twine &c		75
	G & U R R Express 40-61	1	01
	S Vinton & Son conveyance for supplies	3	50
	Martin Hickey tablets	1	20
Feb 3	H M Riggs Express	2	80
	Putnam & Davis & Co	3	15
	O B Wood labels Nov 9-92	4	25
	Sanford Sawtelle & Co	21	75
	D. C Heath & Co		71
	Carl Schoenhof	1	90
		1183	30

Summary

Teachers Common Schools to Feb 1st 1893	$342	35		
Music and Drawing teachers expenses	70	00		
Teachers conveyance	22	75		
Fuel and Janitor	1484	33		
Repairs, Fixtures, etc	1198	81		
Books, Stationary & Supplies for all Schools	1183	30		
			12301	54

Appropriations

Mar 12th	Common Schools	7631	00		
	Fuel and Janitor proportion of $1400,00	1100	00		
	All Schools Repairs and fixtures	800	00		
	" " Books Stationary & Supplies	800	00		
	" " Interest on Legacy	60	00		
	" " State School Fund	274	41		
	" " State Aid "Superintendency"	419	38		
Dec 17	Common Schools Teachers Fuel & Janitor	933	72		
	All Schools repairs Fixtures etc	755	52		
	" " Books Stationary and Supplies	324	09		
				13098	12
	Unexpended balance			796	58

D W Norcross
Secretary of School Committee

We have examined the above accounts and find it correct.

A J. Hall
F M McGary } Auditors

A true copy of report
Attest Edwin A Hove
Town Clerk

Committee appointed Mar 1892 Reported "Tomb"

Committee appointed at the annual meeting March 1892 to report at an adjourned meeting what is best to do with reference to building a Tomb at Riverside Cemetery, reported through Perley Goddard verbally, that they had made some repairs on the Old Tomb in the Old Cemetery, and thought it would do for some time.

Report accepted

Art 4th taken up.
Voted to raise and appropriate to pay Town bonds
Nos 10-11-12 $15000
Voted to raise and appropriate for
Interest on Town debt $3000
Voted to raise and appropriate for High School 1800
Voted " " " " " Common " 750
Voted " " " " " Fuel & janitors 1400
Voted " " " " " Books & Stationery 800
Voted " " " " " Repairs & furniture 800
Voted " " " " for Fire Dept 1100
Voted " " " " " Highways 3000
On motion of Henry F Wing it was voted to raise
and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars 150
in addition to the proceeds of Dog fund for free public Library
Voted to raise and appropriate for support of poor 550
" " " " " Memorial Day 100
Motion of John E McClellan that we raise and
appropriate for Common one hundred dollars
Motion amendment by Chas M Batchelder 100
that it be $50 amendment lost and the
Original motion carried.
Voted to raise and appropriate for Town Clerk's Salary 75
Voted " " " " Treasurer 100
Voted " " " " Library No Grafton 50
Voted " " " " " Saundersville 25
Voted " " " " " Farnumsville 25
Voted " " " " " Fisherville 25
Voted " " " Hydrant Rental 3500
Voted " " " for Street Light in Sidewalk Centre 100
Voted " " " " " South East of town 100
Voted " " " " " North " " 100
Voted " " " Salary of Town Officers except
Clerk Treasurer School Committee $2000
Voted " " " for School Committee 400
Voted " " " Supt of Schools 750
Voted " " " State Aid 200
Voted " " " Miscellaneous 1300
Voted " " " Prosecution of Liquor Cases 300
Voted " " " Soldiers Aid (Chap 298 Acts 1889) 100
Voted " " " G.A.R. Post 24 Relief fund 100
Voted " " " Sidewalks 1000
Voted " " " New hose for fire Dept 480

Voted to raise and appropriate for Drains at North Grafton $200.00
Voted " " for Snow bills 2000.00

Art 5 taken up.

On Motion of Charles M Batchelder, "that the compensation of the Collector be one percent. That no discount be alowed for the prompt payment of Taxes. That Poll taxes be payable on demand; That all Taxes be payable on or before Oct 1st all taxes remaining unpaid after that date be subject to Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and all Legal costs for collection" motion carried

Taxes

Art 6 taken up.

Voted that the compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead be left in the hands of the Selectmen, to fix.

Sextons

Art 7th taken up.

On Motion of Alden M Bigelow that the compensation for Fireman be the same as last year. ($1000).
Motion carried.

Firemen

Art 8th taken up.

Voted to accept the list of names presented by the selectmen (see Selectmens report page 424 of this Book)

Jury list

Art 9th taken up.

Voted that it be within the Centre District.

Art 10th taken up.

Voted, on Motion of George K Nichols, That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said Taxes.

Borrow Money

Art 11th taken up.

On motion it was voted that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use.

Art 12th taken

(Appropriation of $300.00 dollars made under)
Art 4th

Art 13th taken up.

On motion of Horace S Warren it was voted that the Treasurer be authorized to deed Real estate left by the late Winthrop Faulkner as their interest may appear

Sell real estate

Art 14th already acted upon

Art 15th taken up.

Voted on motion of Silas E Stowe that a committee of three be appointed by the Selectmen investigate and make recommendation, at an adjourned meeting.

Art 16th taken up.

Voted on motion of Joseph A Dodge that the Town of Grafton raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred fifty dollars $1350.00 for the purchase of the Charles Daniels Estate, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to take a deed of the same.

Art 17th taken up.

Voted on motion of Joseph A. Dodge that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand Dollars ($1000.00) to be placed in the hands of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to be used by them for the purpose of grading, platting, fencing and otherwise improving a portion of the Charles Daniels estate, suitable for burial purposes.

Art 18th taken up.

Voted to pass over the art

Art 19th taken up.

On Motion of Charles M Batchelder it was voted, that the Chairman of the board of Selectmen, be the Agent of the Town to bring suit, or defend any suit, that may be brought against the town.

On Motion of George K Nichols it was voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 22nd 1893

E. A Howe Town Clerk

The following appointments have been made for the year ensuing by the Selectmen

Sexton James Gleason, and Amos G Getchell

Pound Keeper & Lockup keeper

James Carney Sworn March 23 1893 by Town Clerk

Sealer of weights and Measures

Samuel E Leland Sworn Mar 13 1893 by Town Clerk

Special Police

John Holden of Fisherville Sworn by Perley Goddard Justice of Peace

Superintendent of Streets — oath on file

John E McClellan Sworn Mar 11th 1893 by Town Clerk

Financial Clerk for board of Selectmen

E A Howe

Attest P. Goddard Clerk of board.

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

Grafton April 6th 1893

The following appointments have been made

RR Police Lucius R Dodge and John Galloway

Weighers and Measurers

John E McClellan

Edwin A Howe

H. Goddard Sworn by the Town Clerk

F A Dodge

Thomas Wilmarth Sworn by Perley Goddard Justice of the Peace

E O Lindley

Samuel Lynn Sworn by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of peace

B. D. Adams Sworn by Luther K Leland Justice of the peace

L M Rice Sworn by Luther K Leland Justice of the Peace

E D Holbrook Sworn by Luther K Leland Justice of the Peace

Joel Packard Sworn by Town Clerk

L K Leland Sworn by L M Rice Justice of the Peace

Wm Stone Jr Sworn by Luther K Leland Justice of the Peace

P Goddard Clerk of board of Selectmen

Attest

Edwin A Howe

Town Clerk

Grafton April 17th 1893

The following is a list of appointments made by the board of Selectmen at their meeting held April 15th

Cyrus R Aylett auctioneer.

Fire Engineer

Alden M Bigelow
Henry E Brooks.
Thomas Wilmarth
David S Bassett
George H Huckins
Henry Mann.

Forest fire Warde.

J E McClellan
Perley Goddard
John A Brown
S E Stone
L M Rice
A G Getchell
D S. Bassett.
Samuel H Knowlton
J A Sweeter
C R Aylett
Wm H Miles
Jas Platt.

Inspector of cattle and provisions.

Perley Goddard. Sworn May 2-1893 by Town Clerk

Perley Goddard
Clerk

Attest

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton May 6th 1893

William P. Spencer appointed June 5th 1893 as a Special Police office and sworn June 6th by the Town Clerk.

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

At the meeting of the board of Selectmen held May 1st Harry L Nichols was appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures. and Christopher Flynn a Special Police

Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

An Order

Granting to the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company the use of certain Streets and Highways in the Town of Grafton for the operation of an electric Street Railway

Section 1. After due notice and public hearing on the petition of a majority of the Directors of the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company for the location of the tracks of the Company in certain Streets and Highways of the Town of Grafton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts it is hereby ordered and decreed by the Selectmen of said Town that permission is hereby granted to said Street Railway Company its successors and assigns to enter upon and to construct maintain and operate a single track railway with the necessary turnouts and switches curves and sidings upon and along the following Streets and Highways in said Town. to wit:

Commencing at the boundary line between the Towns of Grafton and Sutton on the main road between Wilkinsonville and Saundersville, thence running through said road to Saundersville thence through Railroad Street so called to a point on said Street near Saundersville Railroad Station; thence through Holbrook Road so called and through the main road between Saundersville and Fisherville to Fisherville; thence through the main road between Fisherville and Farnumsville to Farnumsville at a point on said road near the Post Office at Farnumsville; thence through the main road from Farnumsville to Rockdale to a point on said road at the boundary line between the Towns of Grafton and Northbridge.

Section 2. Said Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company its successors and assigns are hereby granted the right to use upon the whole or any portion of its tracks as the same are now or hereafter may be located over said route animal or other motive power except steam and especially electricity supplied to the cars by means of a single overhead trolley wire the electrical current being completed by the rails of the road suitably connected at their ends or connected with a suplementary ground wire

And for this purpose said Company its successors and assigns are hereby expressly authorized and empowered to lay and connect said ground circuit as aforesaid, and to erect and maintain in and along any and all of the public Streets and Highways upon which the tracks of said Company are herein located, such posts, brackets, cross arms, wires and fixtures as may be required to properly support and maintain the overhead trolley and feed wires.

Section 3. The authority and permission herein granted is subject to the following terms and restrictions viz.:-

(a) The gauge of the track shall be four feet eight and one half inches (4ft-8½in). The Railway Company shall keep that portion of the streets and highways as are included between its tracks and for a distance of eighteen (18) inches outside thereof, at all times flush with the top of the track, and shall keep the same in good repair and safe for public travel, to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

(b) The rails shall be those known as the (T) rails and weighing not less than fifty pounds to the yard, except where the Selectmen may require the laying of a girder rail, and then such rail shall be laid. Said rails shall be laid on Chestnut or cedar Sleepers, said sleepers to be laid not more than thirty (30) inches between centers and to be of suitable size to fairly hold the spikes for the rails.

(c) The tracks shall be laid in said streets as follows:---

As far as the alignment goes the track shall be laid according to a survey and plan made by R. Allen civil engineer of Shrewsbury on file in the Office of the Selectmen of Grafton and shall follow the said plan as to the side of the road on which from point to point in its course the said plan locates it subject however to such slight modifications as the Selectmen shall before construction determine.

The curves, turnouts, and switches shall be given by the Selectmen of the Town, and the track shall be laid to conform with the present grade of the Street. If however, at any future time the grade of the Street

in which the tracks of said Railway Company are located is changed, then said Company shall at its own expense change its tracks to conform with the same. And whenever the track is located by the side of the travelled part of said highway the road bed shall be widened if necessary so as to give eighteen (18) feet of travelled road in width outside of the track, for the use of teams and the general public travel, and such widening shall in all cases be done before the sleepers and tracks are laid.

(d) At all cross walks and street crossings which are now or may hereafter be provided for foot passengers, the same material as used by the town shall used by said Company between its tracks and for a distance of eighteen (18) inches outside thereof; and at and opposite all driveways, which may lead to the street on that side thereof on which said track is located, material to the acceptance of the Selectmen shall be used by said Company to make said approaches to said Street and over said tracks safe for public travel. All such crossings, driveways and approaches are to be kept in repair to the approval of the Selectmen of Grafton at the expense of said Railway Company wherever roads or Streets enter the road or Streets in which such tracks are laid, so that the travel shall have to cross said tracks the Railway Company shall pave the space between the rails and eighteen (18) inches outside each rail to the acceptance of the Selectmen for the whole length of track over which the public travel passes.

(e) During the Construction of said Railway said Company shall not unreasonably impede public travel on any of the streets or highways aforesaid, and all of said streets in which tracks are to be laid by said Railway Company, which are obstructed or damaged in any way in consequence of the acts of said Railway Company, shall be left by said Company in good and safe condition, and in event of any Street in which said tracks are located being improved or repaired, the portion of said tracks between the rails and for eighteen (18) inches outside thereof shall be improved or repaired by said Railway Company so as to

conform with the other parts of the street.

(f) The poles used shall be chestnut poles not less than thirty (30) feet long, seven (7) inches at top; they shall straight and well shaved, and through the villages shall be square poles with champered corners or turned round poles.

All poles used in such construction shall be placed in or adjacent to the line of the curb of the sidewalk, or otherwise under the direction of the Selectmen.
They shall be set not less than six (6) feet in the ground and painted not less than two (2) coats of paint, of such color as the Selectmen may designate.
Wherever the location of any pole is in soft ground the Railway Company shall use cement to properly hold the same in upright position. The cross wires, or brackets, as the case may be, for the support of the trolley wire, shall attched to said poles at such hight as to maintain said trolley wire at every point of suspension not less than eighteen (18) feet above the surface of the Street.

(g) The Railway Company shall place and at all times maintain such guard wires as the Selectmen may from time to time require.

(h) All Snow or other material placed upon the Street of said Grafton by said Railway Company, in consequence of keeping the tracks of said Company open for public travel, or for any other cause, shall be promptly removed by said Railway Company and the street left in such condition as to be safe for public travel; and failing to do this, within a reasonable time, said Selectmen may cause the same to be removed and charge all expense thereof to the said Railway Company, and Salt or other foreign substances shall be used on the tracks only with the approval of the Selectmen.

(i) The Selectmen of the town, for the purpose of repairing the highways or repairing or extending its water or sewer system or for other public works, and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of said town in case of fire along the line of said railway, may take up or obstruct the tracks, or cut the wires of said Company without being liable in damages to said Company, or if the said wires

of the tracks shall be broken or taken up from any cause connected with the works being performed by the Town, or any of its Officers or authorized agents in the construction of any public works, they shall be repaired by the Company at the said Company's expense.

(j) The said company may trim such trees as shall be necessary for the erection of the wires, but trees shall be trimmed only under the supervision of a competent person, who shall be appointed by the board of Selectmen, and the expense of whom shall be paid by the Railway Company.

(K) The construction of said railway shall be commenced within sixty days after the date of the certificate of organization, and be completed and in operation before June 1, 1894.

(l) The Railway Company shall at all times provide sufficient and suitable cars and run the same at such intervals as will reasonably and comfortably accomodate the citizens of the Town.

(m) The said Company shall pay and save the said Town harmless from all claim and damage to person and property by reason of the construction or use of said track, poles, wires and other structures and also from the use of electricity by said Company, and said Town shall promptly notify said Company of any suit or claim brought against it, and said company shall defend all such suits at its own expense.

(n) Whenever the construction of the railway makes it in the opinion of the Selectmen necessary to change the water courses, the Railway Company shall make such changes of water courses and build such catch basins or culverts as the Selectmen may order.

(o) Whenever in the judgement of the Selectmen a new bridge is required over the Blackstone River at Fisherville in place of the highway bridge now there, the same shall be constructed of such strength and style as shall be satisfactory

to the Selectmen, and the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company shall pay one-third of the cost of the same to the Town of Grafton, unless an arangement be made by which the bridge shall be built by the Town and the Railway Company under an appointed arrangement providing for the payment by the Railway Company of said one-third to the contractors, or otherwise than to the Town.

(p) All places which the building of the said railway shall in the judgement of the Selectmen have made dangerous so as to require a railing, it shall be railed or fenced by the Railway Company to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

(q) The said Company shall accept this order or location together with all and singular conditions and agreements by filing with the Clerk of the Selectmen, such acceptance in writing within thirty (30) days from the receipt of notice of granting said order by said Selectmen, as may be acceptable to said Board.

(r) No car shall be run over said railway until said railway and highway has been accepted by the Selectmen.

F E Huckins
H E Brooks
D. N. Gibbs
Thos Wilmarth
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton Massachusetts

Grafton Mass May 5th 1893

A True copy
Attest
Edwin A Hove
Town Clerk

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Worcester Mass May 24th 1893

To the Hon. Board of Selectmen
of the Town of Grafton.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Directors of the Blackstone Valley Street Railway Company duly called and held this date in Worcester. It was voted to accept the decree granted by your Honorable Board under date of May 20. 1893 granting to this Company the right to use certain streets in your Town as mentioned therein, for the purpose of operating a street railway. This Company hereby agrees to all and singular the conditions and restrictions therein set forth.

Samuel Winslow
Thos T Robinson
T M Rogers
A. D. McClellan
G. F. Morse
L L Whitney
Geo W Fisher
H S Whitin

Directors
Blackstone Valley
Street Railway
Co.

A true Copy
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

An Order

Granting to the State Central Street Railway Company the use of certain Streets and Highways in the Town of Grafton for the Operation of an Electric Street Railway

Section 1 After due notice and public hearing on the petition of a majority of the Directors of the State Central Street Railway Company for the location of the tracks of the Company in certain Streets and Highways of the Town of Grafton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts it is hereby ordered and decreed by the Selectmen of said Town that permission is hereby granted to said Street Railway Company its successors and assigns to enter upon and construct maintain and operate a single track Railway with the necessary turnouts and switches curves and sidings upon and along the following streets and highways in said town to wit:--

Commencing on Main Street at or near the Common in the Village of Grafton, and thence through Main Street to the boundary line between Grafton and the town of Shrewsbury, subject to such rules and regulations as the ~~said~~ board of Selectmen may from time to time establish and enact.

Section 2. Said State Central Street Railway Company its successors and assigns are hereby granted the right to use upon the whole or any portion of its tracks as the same are now or hereafter may be located over said route animal or other motive power except steam and especially electricity supplied to the cars by means of a single overhead trolley wire the electrical circuit being completed by the rails of the road suitably connected at their ends or connected with a suplementary ground wire. And for this purpose said Company its successors and assigns are hereby expressly authorized and empowered to lay and connect said ground circuit as aforesaid and to erect and maintain in and along any and all of the public streets and highways upon which the tracks of said Company are herein located such posts brackets cross arms wires and fixtures as may be required to properly support and maintain the overhead trolley and feed wires

Section 3. The authority and permission herein granted

is subject to the following terms and restrictions, viz:---

(a) The gauge of the track shall be four feet, eight and one half inches (4ft-8½") The Railway Company shall keep that portion of the street and highways as are included between the tracks and for a distance of eighteen (18) inches outside thereof, at all times flush with the top of the track, and shall keep the same in good repair, and safe for public travel, to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

(b) The rails shall be those known as the "T" rails and weighing not less than fifty (50) pounds to the yard except where the Selectmen may require the laying of a girder rail, and then such rail shall be laid. Said rails shall be laid on chestnut or cedar sleepers, said sleepers to be laid not more than thirty (30) inches between centers, and to be suitable size to firmly hold the spikes for the rails.

(c) The tracks shall be laid in said streets as follows:---

As far as the alignment goes the track shall be laid according to a survey and plan made by R. Allen, civil engineer of Shrewsbury, on file in the office of the Selectmen of Grafton and shall follow the said plan as to the side of the road on which from point to point in its course, the said plan locates it subject however, to such slight modifications as the Selectmen shall before construction determine. The curves turnouts and switches shall be given by the Selectmen of said town, and the track shall be laid to conform with the present grade of the street. If however, at any future time the grade of the street in which the tracks of said Railway Company are located is changed the said Company shall, at its own expense change its tracks to conform to the same. And wherever the track is located by the side of the travelled part of the said highway, the roadbed shall be widened, if necessary so as to give eighteen (18) feet of travelled road in width outside of the track, for the use of teams and the general public travel, and such widening shall in

all cases be done before the sleepers and tracks are laid.

(d) At all cross walks and street crossings which are now or may hereafter be provided for foot passengers, the same material as used by the town shall be used by said Company between its tracks and for a distance of eighteen (18) inches outside thereof; and at and opposite all driveways which may lead to the street on that side thereof on which said tracks is located, material to the acceptance of the Selectmen shall be used by said Company to make said approaches to said street and over said tracks safe for public travel. All such crossings, driveways, and approaches are to be kept in repair to the approval of the Selectmen of Grafton at the expense of said Railway Company. Wherever roads or streets enter the road and streets in which such tracks are laid so that the travel shall have to cross said tracks the Railway Company shall pave the space between the rails and eighteen (18) inches outside each rail to the acceptance of the Selectmen for the whole length of track over which the public travel passes.

(e) During the construction of said Railway said Company shall not unreasonably impede public travel on any of the streets or highways aforesaid, and all of said streets in which tracks are to be laid by said Railway Company which are obstructed or damaged in any way in consequence of the acts of said Railway Company, shall be left by said Company in good and safe condition, and in event of any street in which said tracks are located being improved or repaired, the portion of said street between the rails and for eighteen (18) inches outside thereof shall be improved or repaired by said Railway Company so as to conform with the other parts of the street.

(f) The poles used shall be Chestnut poles not less than thirty (30) feet long seven (7) inches at the top, they shall be straight and well shaved, and through the villages shall be square poles with chamfered corners or turned round poles. All poles used in such construction shall be placed in or

adjacent to the line of the curb of the sidewalk, or otherwise under the direction of the Selectmen. They shall be set not less than six (6) feet in the ground and painted not less than two (2) coats of paint, of such color as the Selectmen shall designate. Wherever the location of any pole is in soft-ground the Railway Company shall use cement to properly hold the same in upright position. The cross wires, or brackets as the case may be, for the support of the trolley wire at every point of suspension not less than eight (8) feet above the surface of the street.

(g) The Railway Company shall place and at all times maintain such guard wires as the Selectmen may from time to time require.

(h) All snow or other material placed upon the street of said Braintree by said Railway Company in consequence of keeping the tracks of said Company open for public travel, or for any other cause, shall promptly removed by said Railway Company, and salt or other foreign substance shall be used on the tracks only with the approval of the Selectmen.

(i) The Selectmen of the Town, for the purpose of repairing the highways or repairing or extending its water or sewer system or for other public works and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of said Town in case of fire along the line of said railroad, may take up or obstruct the tracks or cut the wires of said Company without being liable in damages to said Company, or if the said wires of the tracks shall be broken or taken up from any cause connected with the works being performed by the Town or any of its Officers or authorized agents, in the construction of any public works, they shall be repaired by the Company at the Company's expense.

(j) The said Company may trim such trees as shall be necessary for the erection of the wires, but trees shall be trimmed only under the supervision of a competent person, who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and the expense of whom shall be paid by the Railroad Company

(K) The construction of said railway shall be commenced within sixty days from the date of the Certificate of organization of said Company, and be completed and in operation on or before July 1st 1894.

(L) The Railway Company shall at all times provide sufficient and suitable cars, and run the same at such intervals as will reasonably and comfortably accomodate the citizens of the town.

(M) The said Company shall pay and save the town harmless from all claim and damage resulting to person and property by reason of the construction or use of said track, poles, wires and other structures, and also from the use electricity by said Company; and said town shall promptly notify said Company of any suit or claim brought against it, and said Company shall defend all such suits at its own expense.

(N) Wherever the construction of the Railway makes it in the opinion of the Selectmen necessary to change the water courses, the Railway Company shall make such changes of water courses and build such catch basins or culverts as the Selectmen may order.

(O) The Quinsigamond River is to be crossed where it is now crossed at the so called Wheeler Bridge, and the method of such crossing shall be mutually agreed upon by the Railway Company and the Selectmen. If such an agreement can be reached, and if a new bridge is necessary, the same is to be built one-half at the expense of the Railway Company and one-half at the expense of the Town; and in case no agreement is reached by the parties, and in the opinion of the Selectmen, the building of a new bridge is necessary for public safty, they may require the same to be built at the same division of expense, and the Railway Company shall pay its half.

(P) All places which the building of said Railway shall, in the judgement of the Selectmen, have made dangerous, so as to require a railing, it shall be railed or fenced by the Railway Company to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

(Q) The said Company shall accept this order, or location, together with all and singular conditions

and agreements, by filing with the Clerk of the Selectmen such acceptance in writing within thirty (30) days from the receipt of notice granting said order by said Selectmen, as may be acceptable to said board.

(2) No car shall be run over said railway untill said railway and highway has been accepted by the Selectmen.

F. E. Huckins
H. E. Brooks
D. N. Gibbs
Thos Wilmarth
Perley Goddard
Selectmen of Grafton Massachusetts

Grafton Mass 24th 1893

A True Copy Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Worcester Mass June 2 1893

The Hon Board of Selectmen
Town of Grafton

You are hereby notified that the Directors of the State Central Street Railway Company has this day accepted the order adopted by your Board May 24th 1893, notice of which was received May 31st 1893 granting to this Company the right to use certain Streets in your Town for the operation of a street railway as mentioned therein and you are also hereby notified that this Company agrees to all and singular the conditions mentioned in said order.

Samuel Winslow
Thos N Rogers
W B Ferguson
Thos T Robinson
S H Howe
Samuel Wood
C H Nelson
C O Green
J R Bullard
Geo O Brigham
Directors State Central Street Railway Company

A true Copy Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton June 27th 1893.

A joint meeting of the boards of Selectmen and School Committee was held this evening in the Town Clerks Office. said meeting held in pursuance of notice duly posted to fill a vacancy in the School Committee caused by the resignation of Rev George H Pratt. and by ballot Francis M McGarry was elected. and Dr Warren B Maxwell was elected a committee to notify Mr McGarry of his election.

Mr McGarry elected School Com

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting
Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Twenty seventh day of June at 7-30 o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of the Riverside Cemetery to sell the buildings on the Daniels estate and authorize the town Treasurer to convey the same, or act thereon.

Art 3rd. To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to sell that portion of land situated on the west side of the road leading from the Cemetery to Plesant Street, and instruct the Town Treasurer to convey the same, or act thereon

Art 4th To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for filling, grading, and laying out lots, at Pine Grove Cemetery, or act thereon.

Art 5th To see if the Town will vote to build a bridge at Farnumville on the present abutments or elsewhere and appropriate funds for the same, or act thereon.
Art 6th To see if the Town will adopt any by-law in regard to the time when Taxes shall be paid, or take any action in regard to the same.
Art 7th To see if the Town will adopt any by-law with reference to the confinement, discipline and instruction of its tenants, or take any action with reference thereto
Art 8th To see if the Town will purchase land, or gravel pit now or formerly owned by Joel Taft and make appropriation for the same, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Francis L Hucking
Henry E Brooks
Daniel N Sibley
Perley Goddard
Thomas Wilmarth
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.
June 20 1893
I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Tuesday the Twentieth day of June current at 5h. 25m. P.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.
James Carney, Constable of Grafton

A True copy of Warrant and return
Attest Edwin A Carr
Town Clerk

Grafton June 27th 1893

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton and transacted the following business viz:
The meeting was called to order at 7-30 O'clock P.M. and the warrant read by the Town Clerk who then appointed the following tellers. Francis E Huckins Perley Goddard Henry E Brooks Thomas Wilmarth and Daniel N Gibbs who were sworn by the Clerk.

Art 1st A ballot was then taken for Moderator. Eleven (11) votes were cast all for Lyman M Rice and he was declared elected and took the chair.

Art 2nd taken up. Voted that the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery be authorized to sell the buildings on the Daniels Estate. and the Town Treasurer be instructed to convey the same.

Art 3rd taken up.

See building Daniels Est

On motion of Joseph A Dodge it was voted that the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery be authorized to sell that portion of the land situated on the west side of the road leading from the Cemetery to Pleasant Street and the Town Treasurer be instructed to convey the same.

Art 4th taken up.

Sell land Daniels Est

On motion of Francis E Huckins it was voted that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for filling, grading, and laying out lots at Pine Grove Cemetery. said money to be raised from Taxes of 1894.

Art 5th taken up.

Bridge Jammsville

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted that Thomas Wilmarth Albert L Fisher and Austin E Kempton be a Committee to make investigation and report to the town and when said Committee is ready to report the Selectmen shall call a Town meeting

Art 6th taken up.

On motion of John E McClellan the following By-Law was adopted

By-Law Taxes

(a) Poll Taxes shall be due and payable on demand. all other Taxes shall be due and payable on the first day of October in each year. on all taxes not paid

on or before the first day of October in each year interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, shall be added and legal costs for collection.
If on the first day of April in each year there are any taxes unpaid, the Collector, shall himself as Collector immediately issue his process for collecting the same according to law.
On motion it was voted that the Chairman of the Selectmen be a committee to present this By-Law to the Superior Court for their approval

Art 7th taken up.

On motion of D. Webster Norcross it was voted to pass over the art.

Art 8th taken up.

To buy sand gravel

Art 8th On motion of J E McClellan voted that the Town purchase the land and appropriate a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars, said money to be raised from the taxes of 1894.

On motion of D. W. Norcross the Assessors were requested to make a report in print the valuation, and the motion was carried.

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Edwin A Hore
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting July 25th 1893
Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the Twenty fifth day of July at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To hear the report of the committee appointed by the Town June 27th to take into consideration the rebuilding of the bridge at Farnumsville or act thereon.

Art 3rd To see if the Town will authorize its Board of Selectmen to secure better accomodations for meetings of said Board or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Office in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this Seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Francis R Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Daniel N Gibbs
Thomas Wilmarth
Perley Goddard
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S.
Grafton July 18th 1893
I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton No Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Tuesday the 18th day of July current at 3-45 P.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed
James Carney Constable of Grafton

A true Copy of warrant and return
Attest
Edwin A Hale Town Clerk

Grafton July 25th 1893

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton, and transacted the following business viz
The meeting was called to order by the town clerk at 7-30 o'clock P.M
The warrant was read by the Town Clerk.
Francis E Huckins Perley Goddard Henry E Brooks and Thomas Wilmarth were appointed and sworn by the Town Clerk as tellers to sort and count the votes for Moderator.

Art 1st taken up. A Ballot taken for Moderator seven votes were cast. Lyman McRice had seven votes and he was declared elected and took the chair

Art 2nd taken up. By request of the Chairman of the committee the Art was passed untill after the 3. Art was acted upon.

Art 3rd taken up.

On motion of Albert Bradish it was voted that the Selectmen be authorized to secure better accomodation for the meetings of the Board of Selectmen

Art 2nd taken up.

Thomas Wilmarth Reported that the committee had employed John W Ellis of Woonsocket R I to examine and make estimates of the cost. said estimates and explination of some were offered and read to the meeting and are now on file in the Clerks Office
Motion made and carried to accept the report of the committee
Motion by Perley Goddard that we appropriate the sum of Six hundred dollars to build a wooden Bridge at Farnumsville on the present abutments to be paid from the taxes of 1894. Motion lost.
On Motion of Simeon E Crook it was voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

By-Law.

Poll taxes shall be due and payable on demand. All other taxes shall be due and payable on the first day of October in each year. On all taxes not paid on or before the first day of October in each year interest at the rate of six per cent per annum shall be added and legal costs for collection. If on the first day of April in each year there are any taxes unpaid, the Collector shall himself, as Collector immediately issue his process for Collecting the same according to law.

Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

These By-Laws are approved
P. Emory Aldrich.
J. S. C.

Aug 7th 1893.

A Copy
Attest

T S Johnson Clerk.

A true copy
Attest

W W Macomber
Asst Clerk

The above by-law was adopted at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs held in the Town Hall Grafton June 27th 1893 as appears of record. Said By Law was published in the Milford Journal Aug. 16th 1893. as by law directed.

Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Adoption of By-Law.

By Town of Grafton.

GRAFTON, Mass., Aug. 15, 1893.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, held June 27, 1893, the following by-law was adopted:

"Poll taxes shall be due and payable on demand. All other taxes shall be due and payable on the first day of October in each year. On all taxes not paid on or before the first day of October in each year, interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum shall be added, and legal costs for collection. If on the first day of April, in each year, there are any taxes unpaid, the Collector shall himself, as Collector, immediately issue his process for collecting the same according to law."

Attest: EDWIN A. HOWE, Town Clerk.

These By-Laws are approved.
August 7, 1893. P. EMORY ALDRICH, J. S. C.

A Copy, Attest: T. S. JOHNSON, Clerk.

A true copy, Attest: W. W. MACOMBER, Asst. Clerk.

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Special Town meeting Sept 19th 1893
Warrant.

Worcester, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the Nineteenth day of September at 7-30 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2nd To see if the Town will build a Bridge across the Blackstone river at Farnumsville on the present abutments and appropriate money for the same or act there-on.

Art 3rd To see if the Town will purchase a new hearse and appropriate money for the same, or act there-on.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Thomas Wilmarth
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. Sept 12th 1893

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Tuesday the twelfth day of September current at 4 P.M. being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true Copy of Warrant and return
Attest Edwin A. Howe Town Clerk

Grafton Sept 19th 1893

Pursuant to the fore-going warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs assembled in the Town Hall in said Grafton and transacted the following business viz;

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant. Francis E Huckins, Henry E Brooks, Thomas Wilmarth Daniel N Gibbs and Perley Goddard were appointed Tellers to check the names and count the votes for a Moderator and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st taken up. A Ballot was taken for Moderator. whole number of ballots cast Eleven. E F Howe had two C M Batchelder three L M Rice six and L M Rice was declared elected and took the chair.

Art 2nd taken up.

Motion of J Augustus Goddard that the town build a wooden bridge on the present stone work. Amendment by John E McClellan that the Selectmen be a committee to investigate and report at an adjourned meeting whither it is best to build a Wooden or Iron bridge. amendment carried and the motion carried as amended.

Art 3rd taken up.

Motion of J Augustus Goddard that we pass over the art. On motion of Thomas Wilmarth it was voted to substitute the following motion that the town buy a new hearse and that the sum of four hundred and fifty ($450.00) be appropriated the money to be raised from taxes 1894.

Art 2nd taken up

On motion of John A. Brown it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby we voted that the Selectmen investigate and report at an adjourned meeting whither it is best to build a wooden or Iron bridge.

The Original motion as amended was then put and lost.

On motion of Charles M Batchelder it was voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to make investigation and report which is best to build an Iron or wooden bridge and what will be the cost.

Voted to adjourn until Tuesday September 26th 1893 at 7-30 P. M.

Attest

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Sept 26th 1893

Meeting which was adjourned from September 19th at 8 o'clock P.M. was called to order by the Town Clerk in the absence of the Moderator (L. M. Rice) and Charles M Batchelder was elected Moderator Pro Tem. the Check list being used and.

Records of the last meeting was read and approved

Art 2nd Taken up.

Committee appointed at the meeting Sept 19th reported verbally and recommended that an Iron bridge be built. report accepted

Motion of Thomas J Ryan that the town build an Iron bridge motion carried.

Motion of John A Brown. that the Selectmen be a Committee to carry out the vote of the town to build an Iron Bridge at Farnumsville, to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed ($2000.00) paid out of the taxes of 1893 motion lost.

Motion to adjourn motion lost.

Motion that we reconsider the vote whereby we voted to build an Iron bridge motion carried.

On motion of it was voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to build a wooden bridge over the Blackstone River at Farnumsville cost not to exceed Seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750.00) to be raised by Tax of 1894.

Motion of John A Brown that the meeting be dissolved motion carried

Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

James Hardesty having been appointed Special Police was sworn this day by the Town Clerk, also Herbert Sinclair

Attest

Grafton Nov 7th 1893

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

State election Nov 7th 1893
Warrant

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November next, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the Twelfth Worcester Representative District, and for a Register of Probate and Insolvency, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and in answer to the following question;

"Shall the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the payment of mileage to Members of the General Court be approved and ratified?"

The said Amendment is as follows:

Article of Amendment to the Constitution,

So much of Article Two of Section Three of Chapter One of the Constitution of the Commonwealth as is contained in the following words, "The expence of travelling to the General Assembly, and returning home, once every session, and no more, shall be paid by the government, out of the public treasury, to every member who shall attend as reasonably as he can, in the judgement of the House, and does not depart without leave" is hereby annulled.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock A.M. and may be closed at 1-30 o'clock P.M. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the

in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands, this Twenty eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred ninety three.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Daniel N Gibbs
Thomas Wilmarth
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS.

October 30th 1893.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville on Monday the thirteenth day October current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

Grafton Nov 7th 1893

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters of the Town met in the Town Hall at 7 o'clock A M today. The meeting was called to order by Francis E Huckins Chairman of the board of Selectmen, the warrant was read by the Town Clerk...
The full board of Selectmen were present.
The first package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth said to contain Eleven hundred ballots was delivered by the Town Clerk to the presiding officer and his receipt was taken therefor.
On motion of James Carney it was voted that the polls be closed at Four o'clock P. M.
The sample ballots and cards of instruction and the articles of amendment to the constitution were posted

around the room and in the voting stalls as required by law.

Arthur M Bigelow Republican was sworn by the Town Clerk as ballot clerk. Clarence N Putnam Democrat was sworn by the Presiding Officer as ballot clerk.

William H Miles a Constable was placed in charge of the ballot box. The Ballot box was opened and examined by the election officers and publicly shown to be empty it was then locked and the Keys given to the constable in charge. The Polls were declared open at 7-30 o'clock A. M. by the Presiding Officer.

Henry E Brooks Democrat and Thomas Wilmarth Republican were placed in charge of the Check list.

Leyman M Rice Republican and Frank M Elliot Democrat were appointed Tellers by the Presiding Officer and sworn by him. The ballots were counted by Leyman M Rice Republican and Frank M Elliot Democrat with Daniel N Gibbs Republican and Perley Goddard Democrat as Inspectors.

By unanimous consent of the Election officers the Ballot Box was opened when the Register stood sixty one and fifty ballots removed. also when the register stood at

One hundred and twenty-five	and fifty	ballots	removed	and
One hundred and eighty five	" fifty	"	"	and
Two hundred and twelve	" fifty	"	"	"
Two hundred and seventy seven	" fifty	"	"	"
Three hundred and forty six	" fifty	"	"	"
Four hundred and one,	" One hundred	"	"	"
Five hundred and seventy	" One hundred	"	"	"
Six hundred and thirty four	" One hundred	"	"	"
Six hundred and fifty six	" fifty ballots	"	"	"
Six hundred and eighty	" ten ballots	"	"	

making six hundred and eighty-ballots removed from the box in all. and the register stood at five hundred and eighty when the Polls were closed. The Duplicate Check list names checked on the were counted in a loud voice by Arthur M Bigelow one of the ballots clerks and there was found to be six hundred and eighty names checked. The Original check list names checked on the were counted in a loud voice by Thomas Wilmarth and it was found that there was six hundred and eighty names checked.

The result of the ballot was declared by the Town Clerk as follows

For Governor.

Louis Albert Barks	had Thirteen	(13)
Frederic T. Greenhalge	" Four hundred and four	404
Patrick O'Neil	" Two	2
John E Russell	" Two hundred and twenty two	222
Blanks	Nineteen	19
	Total 660	

For Lieutenant Governor.

James B Carroll	had Two hundred twenty one	221
Henry C Smith	" Sixteen	16
Roger Walcott	" Four hundred and three	403
	Blanks	20
	Total 660	

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

James W McDonald	had Two hundred ten	210
Frederick A Nagler	" Two	2
William M Olin	" Three hundred ninety three	393
Samuel B Shapleigh	" Sixteen	16
Isaac W Skinner	One	1
	Blanks Thirty eight	38
	Total 660	

Treasurer and Receiver General

Wilbur D Farnham	had Seventeen	17
Henry M Phillips	" Three hundred eighty nine	389
Squire E Putney	" One	1
Eben S Stevens	" Two hundred and four	204
Blanks	Forty nine	49
	Total 660	

Auditor

Alfred H Evans	had Eighteen	18
Bordman Hall	" Two hundred and three	203
John W Kimball	" Three eighty three	383
Herman J Koepke	" One	1
Maurice W Landers	" One	1
Blanks	Fifty four	54
	Total	

Attorney General.

Hosea M Knowlton	had	Three hundred eighty two	382
Charles S Lilley	"	Two hundred three	203
Daniel Lynch	"	Three	3
Robert F Raymond	"	Nineteen	19
Blanks		Fifty three	53
Total		660	

Councillor Seventh District

Melvin Adams	had	nineteen	19
John F M'Laughlin	"	Two hundred and six	206
Charles E Stevens	"	Three hundred eighty-three	383
Blanks		Fifty two	52
Total		660	

Register of Probate and Insolvency

George H Harlow	had	Three hundred eighty four	384
Charles B Perry	"	Two hundred one six	206
Herbert M Small	"	Eighteen	18
Blanks		Fifty four	54
Total		660	

County Commissioner

Thomas H Reilly	had	One hundred ninety-seven	197
Emerson H Stoddard	"	Twenty one	21
Henry S Taft	"	Three hundred eighty-eight	388
Blanks		Fifty four	54
Total		660	

Senator 2nd Worcester District

George P. Cooke	had	Two hundred nineteen	219
Edwin P Harvey	"	Three hundred eighty-three	383
Samuel Wheeler	"	Seventeen	17
Blanks	"	Forty one	41
Total		660	

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Representatives in General Court
12th Worcester Representative District

Francis H Attwood	had Twenty three	
Henry E Brooks	" Two hundred twenty-two	222
Arthur Hastings	" Three hundred twenty-five	325
Bowers Hatherway	" Three hundred twenty-eight	328
Seth H Howes	" One hundred seventy two	172
Blanks	Two hundred forty nine	249
	Total	1320

Amendment to the Constitution

Yes	One hundred ninety nine	199
No	One hundred nineteen	119
Blanks	Three hundred forty two	342

The returns were made out signed and sealed and the check list and the ballots were sealed up in seperate envelopes as required by law and properly endorsed

The meeting adjourned at 5-45 O'clock P.M.

A true record
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

A meeting of the Town Clerks of the towns of Berlin, Grafton Northboro, Southboro, Shrewsbury & Westboro comprising the 12th Worcester Representative District was held in the Town Clerk Office Westboro Nov 17th 1893 at twelve oclock M. for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Representative in the General court from said District. The Certificates of the votes signed by the Selectmen of the several towns were opened and examined and it was found that Arthur Hastings of Berlin and Bowers C Hatheway of Westborough were elected and the certificates required by law were filled out and signed by the several Town Clerks.

Statement	Residence	Berlin	Grafton	Northboro	Southboro	Shrewsbury	Westboro	Total
Francis H Atwood	Northborough	12	23	19	51	15	50	124
Henry E Brooks	Grafton	18	223	83	104	57	304	793
Arthur Hastings	Berlin	128	325	145	133	155	433	1339
Bowers C Hatheway	Westborough	90	328	139	129	148	462	1296
Seth H Howes	Southborough	14	172	69	98	50	271	674
Perley Southwick						1		1
Adams F Brown	Westborough						1	1
Blanks		64	249	119	131	104	287	954
Totals		324	1320	594	602	530	1810	5182

We, the Town Clerks of the several towns of the 12th Representative District of Worcester County, certify that the above is a true statement of the returns of votes cast on the 7th day of November, 1893 for Representatives to the General Court, made to us by the Selectmen of the towns in said District.

F H Crossman — Town Clerk of Berlin
Edwin A Howe — Town Clerk of Grafton
Gilman B Howe — Town Clerk of Northboro
Henry A McMaster — Town Clerk of Southboro
George E Stone — Town Clerk of Shrewsbury
Henry L. Chase — Town Clerk of Westboro

Westborough Nov 17th 1893

A true copy,
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

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Grafton February 27th 1894

This may certify that I have this day destroyed by fire all the ballots used at the State election held Nov 7th 1893. also all the ballots used at the annual town meeting held March 6th 1893. The packages were destroyed without opening as directed by law.

Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Grafton February 28th 1894

I hereby certify that I have this day posted one specimen ballot as directed by law.

Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 5th 1894.

Warrant.

Worcester. ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Fifth day of March next, at 7-30 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art. 2nd. To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk for one year, five Selectmen for one year, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, One Overseer of the Poor for three years, one member of the Committee on Town House for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors for one year, one Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for five years, one Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for five years, one member of the Committee on Common for three years, eight Constables for one year, and to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?"

The votes for all of the above officers will be received on one ballot, each voter to specify the officer voted for by placing a cross (X) opposite his name.

The polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at eight o'clock A. M. and may be closed at one o'clock P. M. or such time thereafter, not later than the hour of sunset, as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct.

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3rd To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art 4th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same and act thereon.

Art 5th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 6th To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 7th To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 8th To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art 9th To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art 10th To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the Town.

Art 11th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector, may use.

Art 12th To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or act thereon.

Art 13th To see if the Town will accept the title of the Baker property facing on the Common, to be conveyed to it by deed for the benefit of the Public Library, at a valuation of Twenty five hundred dollars, and as and for said sum on account of the one half of the residuum of the estate of Winthrop Faulkner late of Grafton, deceased, willed to the Town for the purposes of a Public Library. the

the other half of said residuum being willed to the American Unitarian Association, or act thereon.

Art 14th To see if the Town will improve the way from the river road leading from the Saundersville Store to the house known as the Parsonage, and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for that purpose or act thereon.

Art 15th To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to repair the Creeper Bridge in No Grafton, or act thereon.

Art 16th To see if the Town will appropriate money sufficient to raise the grade of the Highway between the house of Lewis A. Stowe and the foot of the hill leading to the main Upton road, or act thereon.

Art 17 To see if the Town will allow Frank Donahue the use of the Hearse and the same pay for burying the dead as the other Citizens of the Town receive, or act thereon.

Art 18th To see if the Town will vote to require the School Committee to annually ~~appoint~~ a Superintendent, who under the direction and control of said Committee shall have the care and supervision of the Public schools of the Town, or act thereon.

Art 19th To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to complete the grading of the "Daniels addition", fence the same, ~~or act~~ act otherwise improve the grounds and make appropriations for the same, or act thereon.

Art 20th To see if the Town will appropriate money for a new Hearse to be used in place of the one now located in No Grafton, or act thereon.

Art 21st To see if the Town will make an appropriation of money to build and maintain a lockup in North Grafton, also one in the South part of the town, or act thereon

Art 22nd To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding four hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents for the

purpose of paying all old, and disputed bills incurred by the School Committee on account of books stationary and supplies, or act thereon,

Art 23rd. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and seventy dollars for the purpose of providing for the conveyance of pupils from Brigham Hill, to the Centre School for the ensuing year, or act thereon,

Art 24th To see if the Town will widen and improve the Brigham Hill road from the Worcester road to the road leading to the Wheeler Bridge, and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon,

Art 25th To see if the Town will appoint an agent to bring suit or defend any suit that may be brought against the Town, or act thereon

Art 26th To see if the Town will continue its union with the town of Upton for the purpose of the employment of the Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the acts of 1888 and acts in amendment thereof or take any action in reference thereto.
Art 26 to be voted on by Ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety four

Francis E Chickering
Henry E Brooks
Daniel N Gibbs
Thomas Wilmarth
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester SS. February 26th 1894

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Saturday the Twenty fourth day of February current being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return

Attest
Edwin A. Hoyt
Town Clerk

March 5. 1894

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety four at 7-30 o'clock in the forenoon and transacted the following business: viz

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Art 1st taken up.

Samuel H Redding and John H Carpenter were appointed Tellers to assist in receiving and counting the vote for a Moderator, And Sworn by Town Clerk

A Ballot was taken for Moderator, and the whole number of ballots cast was Ten. and

Seyman M Rice had Ten and was declared elected and took the Chair.

The Check list was used in the election of Moderator,

Alden M Bigelow Republican and Clarence H Putnam Democrat having been appointed Ballot clerks by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by the Moderator.

The Package said to contain Twelve hundred General ballots and Seventy five Special ballots for School

Committee was delivered to the Ballot Clerks and their receipt taken therefor.
The specimen ballots and cards of instruction were then posted as by law directed.
Elisha S Holbrook Republican and Michael H Prout Democrat were appointed Tellers by the Moderator and sworn by him. they were placed in charge of the Origin check list.
On Motion of George F Estabrook it was voted that the Polls be closed at 4 O'clock P.M.
On Motion of George F Estabrook it was voted that Art 26 be taken up.
Motion was then made by Geo F Estabrook that we vote on Art 26 by ballot Yes and No and that the polls be opened at 8 O'clock AM and close at 4 O'clock P.M. and the motion prevailed.
William H Wilde a Constable was placed in charge of the ballot Box and Sworn by the Moderator.
The ballot box was opened and examined by the Election Officers and publicly shown to be empty it was then locked and the keys given to the Constable in charge. The Register stood at 000

Art 2nd taken up.

The Polls were declared open at 8 O'clock AM.
Frank M Elliot & Peter M J. Prout Democrats and Samuel H Redding & Samuel B Hale Jr Republicans were appointed Tellers and Sworn by the Moderator When the Register on the ballot box stood at One hundred and three (103) the box was opened by unanimous consent of the Moderator and Town Clerk and one hundred (100) ballots removed. and after when the Register stood at three hundred and thirty-three (333) and one hundred more taken out. also when the Register stood at four hundred ninety-eight (498) and one hundred (100) more taken out and when the Box Registers five hundred seventy nine it was opened and two hundred (200) ballots taken out and at Four O'clock P.M the Polls were closed the Register on the box standing five hundred and eighty seven the box was then opened and the ballots remaining in the box were counted out and there was Eighty-seven ballots taken out making in all five hundred and eighty-seven.
At each time the box was opened the ballots were taken out they were counted out in a loud voice by the

Moderator. Alden M Bigelow Republican and Clarence N Putnam Democrat were sworn as Tellers by the Moderator.

On motion it was voted that this meeting adjourn immediately after the vote is declared and sealed, to Saturday next at half past one O'clock P.M. and all Town business be postponed to that time.

Both the Original and Duplicate check lists were counted in a loud voice and there was found five hundred and eighty seven names checked on each

Art 24 The following is the result of the ballot upon Art 24, as declared by the Moderator

Yes Two hundred thirty-two (232)
No One hundred sixty five (165)

And it was declared in the afirmative.

Art 2 The votes having been counted and recorded were declared as follows

Town Clerk.

Whole number of Ballots was 587.
Edwin A Howe had Four hundred fifty four (454)
Blanks One hundred thirty-three (133)

And Edwin A Howe was declared elected and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office. by the Moderator.

The result of the ballot for the remaining Town Officers was declared by the Town Clerk as follows

For Selectmen

Whole number of ballots was 293
Henry E Brooks had Three hundred and Eleven (311)
Daniel N Gibbs " Four hundred and two (402)
Perley Goddard " Two hundred fifteen (215)
Francis E Huckins had Three hundred sixty-Eight (368)
John W Plaisted had Three hundred nine (309)
Thomas Wilmarth " Three hundred ninety-three (393)
Oliver M Wing " Three hundred ninety-two (392)
Le R Leeland " One hundred forty four (144)
Blanks
And Henry E Brooks Sworn Mar 5th by the Town Clerk
Daniel N Gibbs Sworn Mar 5th by the Town Clerk
Francis E Huckins Sworn Mar 5th by the Town Clerk
Thomas Wilmarth Sworn Mar 5th by the Town Clerk
Oliver M Wing Sworn Mar 10th by the Town Clerk
were declared elected

For Treasurer

Henry F Wing had Four hundred Eighty seven (487)
Blanks one hundred. (100)
Whole number 587
Henry F Wing declared elected, took the oath March 10th 1894 before town clerk

For Tax Collector

Edwin A Howe had Four hundred ninety six (496)
Blanks. Ninety one. (91)
Whole number 587
Edwin A Howe declared elected. Sworn Mar 10th 1894 by L M Rice J.P.

For School Committee for 3 years.

Francis M McGarry had. Four hundred twenty seven (427)
Blanks One hundred sixty. (160)
Whole number 587
Francis M McGarry declared elected.

For Assessor for three years

Arthur M Bigelow had Four hundred forty three (443)
A B Hudson " one (1)
Blanks one hundred forty three (143)
Whole number 587
Arthur M Bigelow was declared elected Sworn March 9th 1894 by the town Clerk.

For Overseer of the Poor for three years.

Henry L Banister had Three hundred thirteen (313)
David S Barrett " One hundred sixty nine (169)
Blanks One hundred five (105)
Whole number 587
Henry L Banister declared elected Sworn Mar 10/94 by moderator

Town House Committee for three years.

Horace S Warren had Four hundred thirty two (432)
Blanks one hundred fifty five (155)
Whole number 587
Horace S Warren declared elected

Common Committee for three years

S Webster Norcross had Four hundred twenty eight (428)
David Fiske " one (1)
Blanks one hundred fifty eight (158)
Whole number 587
S Webster Norcross declared elected

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery for 5 years.

John E McClellan had Three hundred six (306)
William H Miles " One hundred forty (140)
Blanks One hundred forty one (141)
Whole number 587

John E McClellan declared elected.

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years

Franklin Baldwin had Four hundred and six (406)
Aaron Elliot " One (1)
Blanks one hundred eighty (180)
Whole number 587

Franklin Baldwin declared elected

For Trustee of Fairview Cemetery for 5 years

Willis G. Coville had Three hundred eighty nine
Blanks one hundred ninety eight
Whole number

Willis G Coville declared elected

For Constables

William H Bennett had Two hundred fifty nine (259)
James Carney had Four hundred six (406)
Frank E Fay " Three hundred nine (309)
Amos G Getchell " Three hundred sixty five (365)
Frank P. Kelley " Three hundred thirty nine (339)
Alfred E Lowell " Three hundred twenty six (326)
Henry Mann " Three hundred fifty six (356)
William H. Miles " Three hundred thirty nine (339)
William P Spencer " Two hundred seventeen (217)
Frank E Vinton had Three hundred thirty nine (339)
Blanks Fourteen hundred forty one (1441)
Whole number 4696

The following were declared elected

James Carney Sworn March 5th by the Town Clerk
Frank E Fay
Amos G Getchell Sworn March 7th 1899 by Seymour M Rice Justice of the Peace
Frank P Kelley Sworn March 5th 1899 by the Town Clerk
Alfred E Lowell Sworn March 5th by Seymour M Rice Justice of the Peace
Henry Mann Sworn March 5th by Town Clerk
William H Miles Sworn March 5th by Town Clerk
Frank E Vinton Sworn March 14th " Town Clerk

5.00

For Auditor

Andrew J Hall had	Three hundred seventy four	(374)
Charles A Squier "	Two hundred ninety five	(295)
Harrington Nichol "	Three hundred twenty	(320)
Joseph E Norcross "	Two hundred twenty seven	(227)
Clarence Putnam	Two ——	(2)
Blanks	Five hundred forty three	543
	whole number	1761

And Andrew J Hall
Charles A Squier Sworn March 7th 1894 by Town Clerk
Harrington Nichols Sworn March 10th 1894 .. Town Clerk
were declared elected

Vote on Licence

Yes.	Two hundred seventy four	(274)
No	Two hundred thirty six	(236)
Blanks	Seventy Eight	(78)

Whole number 587

The Ballots and check lists were sealed up in seperate packages and a Record made of the result of the ballot. The meeting then was adjourned until Saturday next (March 10th) at 1-30 O'clock P.M.

Attest
Edwin A. Howe.
Town Clerk

Grafton March 10th 1894

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall at 1-30 O'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment from March 5th.

The meeting was called to order by Lyman M Rice Moderator, and the following business was transacted Viz.

Voted to dispence with the reading of the records of the last meeting

Art 2 Taken up and

chose by nomination D Webster Norcross Daniel L Fiske Sworn by the Clerk and Perley Goddard as fence viewers and D Webster Norcross & Perley Goddard sworn by the Moderator

Chose by nomination George Cartness and Wm Leynd as Field drivers.
On motion of E A Howe it was voted that all remaining Town Officers required by law be appointed by the Selectmen
Art 3 taken up,
And it was voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed which is as follows
To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton
Your Selectmen respectfully submit their report for the year ending February 1st 1894
They have drawn orders on the Town treasurer which have been paid by him as per his report in payment of the following bills, to wit:

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Salaries of Town Officers		
Francis E Huckins, board of Selectmen	300	00
Assessors		
Arthur M Bigelow	125	00
Luther K Leland	95	00
Silas E. Stowe	95	00
Overseers of the Poor.		
Henry L Banister	125	00
Silas Vinton	25	00
Erastus Adams	40	00
Benjamin F Gibson, registrar of Voters	100	00
Edwin A. Howe, Collector of Taxes	373	73
Sextons		
Amos G Getchell (Printed $43.75 - error Printer)	93	75
Benjamin F Gibson	63	50
James Gleason	89	25
Police Duty		
James Carney	75	75
William H Miles	82	50
William H Bennett	50	00
Alfred E Lowell	92	50
Frank P Kelley	6	00
Amos G. Getchell	1	00
Alexander Jefferson	21	00
Willard G Claflin	22	00
Alexander McMillan	5	00
James Harding	5	00
William P Spencer	9	74

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John Holden	11	
Edward D. Crozier	5	00
Christopher Flynn	5	00
Town Clerk.		00
Edwin A. Hovey	75	00
Town Treasurer		
Henry F. Wing	100	00
School Committee		
Francis McGarry	18	75
Warren B. Mansfield	50	00
D. Webster Norcross	114	87
George H. Pratt	73	75
Stanley H. Holmes Supt of Schools	1255	04
Town Clerk, recording birth marriages and deaths	80	55
* Alden M. Bigelow .. Chief Engineer	1736	09
Grafton Water Co	2500	00
* Henry L. Daniels. support of poor	6566	98
A.B.R. Sprague Post No 24 G.A.R. for Memorial Day	100	00
* Common Committee	100	00
Henry F. Wing Street Lights Centre	100	00
* Henry F. Wing Free Public Library	817	76
* John E. McClellan. Supt of Streets	8360	19
Soldiers Aid. chap 295. Act 1889.	27	75
James Carney Prosecution of Liquor Cases	20	00
Amos E. Gethel " " " "	10	00
John B. Scott " " " "	10	00
* A.B.R. Sprague Post 24 Relief Fund	100	00
* School Committee. Schools	16000	64
Purchase of the Charles Daniels estate	1350	00
* Trustees of Riverside Cemetery, grading &c the same	100	00
* Town House Committee	872	46
* Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery.	200	00
H. J. Russell. new hearse	420	00
Advertising for proposals. New Bridge at Farnumsville	9	00
J. W. Ellis plan of Farnumsville bridge	27	50
H. Mellen & Son building " "	655	68
Perley Goddard Painting " "	11	49
Albert L. Fisher, material used "	1	74
Sand for Gravel	75	00
Clarence R. Pratt. sanitary repairs brick School House	747	62
C. F. Lawrence. Printing town reports ballots &c	236	95
A. Kirby dinner for Election officers Mar 6th & Nov 7th	14	00

* See detailed report

Edward Beauregard putting up voting Shelves March & Nov.	5	25
Frank P. Goulding. bill	92	10
Repairs of Property. Kansas City	427	77
Election Officers March 6 & Nov 7th	75	00
James Gleason posting warrants	4	00
F. E. Huckins. Farwell watering trough	10	00
F. E. Huckins two pairs hard-cuffs	7	00
Mitchell Loemere, care of insane person	13	25
E. A. Howe expenses printing town reports & Sundries for office	13	25
J. H. Carpenter stationary for assessors	1	35
Dr F. A. Jewett bill	7	00
F. E. Huckins expenses before railroad commissioners	2	50
A. J. Ford mowing cemetery Farnumsville	5	50
D. N. Gibbs. burying dog	1	50
Expenses advertising. and auction selling building on Daniel estate	14	40
Samuel Wilde. mowing old cemetery	20	00
C. B. Wood printing valuation lists and poll tax list and warrants	160	50
Mrs J. C. Reeby. watering trough	5	00
L. R. Leland assessors book	3	50
Perley Goddard. watering trough	5	00
" " Services as cattle inspector	19	17
" Postage	5	00
L. M. Rice forest fire October 13	1	80
S. H. Knowlton forest fire Oct 12 & 20	9	01
Gilbert Davis printing voting list & warrants	36	50
R. E. Allen surveying for location for Street railroad	50	50
Hopkins & Bacon drafting decrees for Street railroad	40	00
S. Vinton & Son carriage for Selectmen locating St. Railroad	6	00
Dr F. H. Clapp vaccinating School Children	55	50
Dr W. B. Maxwell " "	58	50
F. Baldwin. painting fountains and care of Park No Grafton	10	00
James Carney posting warrants	3	00
B. F. Gibson Soldier burial	35	00
F. E. Huckins postage & Stationary	3	18
Thomas Wilmarth, expenses in account of proposed change of highway at Farnumsville	3	50
J. Fleming burying dog	1	00
J. W. Ellis survey for proposed change of highway at Farnumsville	58	50
M. A. Keith. bill for Telephone	4	80
D. H. Hayler. serving petition.	2	16

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Clerk of Courts entrg of petition	3	00
Physicians return of birth	22	00
W J Feehan, bill	2	25
E A Cone express stationary and postage	8	20
Licence blanks	4	30
Collector book	1	—
Recording and publishing by-law	5	00
	47130	86

Summary.

		Appropriated		Expended	
Town Officers except Clerk, Treasurer & School Commtee		2000	00	2047	27
Town Clerk		75	00	75	00
Treasurer		100	00	100	00
School Committee		400	00	259	37
Superintendent of Schools	State 250.00 / Town 750.00	1000	00	1255	04
Fire Department		1580	00	1736	09
Hydrant rental		2500	00	2500	00
Support of Poor		5500	00	6566	98
Memorial Day		100	00	100	00
Common		100	00	100	00
Street Light Centre		100	00	100	00
Free Public Library & 150.00 and Dog fund		692	74	692	74
Delivery to villages		125	00	125	00
Highway		3000	00	3242	32
Snow bills		2000	00	2349	40
Bridges and Culverts				327	00
Washout				665	00
Sidewalks		1200	00	1576	30
Drain at North Grafton		200	00	200	17
Soldiers' Aid chap. 298 Acts 1889		100	00	27	75
Prosecution of Liquor cases		300	00	40	00
A B R Sprague Relief fund		100	00	100	00
High School		1800	00	2158	05
Common School		7500	00	9116	81
Fuel & Janitor		1400	00	1803	66
Books & Supplies		800	00	1050	24
Repairs & Fixtures		800	00	1538	13
Sundries				333	75
Received from State		563	04		
Interest on Bond		60	00		
Purchase of lot Charles Daniels Est.		1350	00	1350	00
Grading & plating the same		1000	00	1000	00

Town House running expenses			872	46
Pine Grove Cemetery, for grading	200	00	200	00
New House	450	00	420	00
Land for Gravel	100	00	75	00
Bridge at Farnumsville	750	00	705	41
Miscellaneous	1300	00	2321	80
			47130	86

Appropriations 1893		Appropriations	We	Recommend	
1500	00	Town Bonds (No 13, 14, 15)		1500	00
3000	00	Interest on Town Debt		3000	00
1800	00	High School		2100	00
7500	00	Common School		8500	00
1400	00	Fuel & Janitors		1400	00
800	00	Books & Stationary		900	00
800	00	Repairs & Fixtures		900	00
1100	00	Fire Department		1200	00
3000	00	Highways		3000	00
150	00	Free Public Library (Dog Fund)		100	00
5500	00	Support of Poor		5500	00
100	00	Memorial Day		100	00
100	00	Common		50	00
75	00	Town Clerks Salary		75	00
100	00	Town Treasurer Salary		100	00
50	00	Delivering books at No Grafton		50	00
25	00	" " " Farnumsville		25	00
25	00	" " " Fisherville		25	00
25	00	" " " Saundersville		25	00
500	00	Grafton Water Co Hydrants		2500	00
100	00	Street Light or Sidewalk. Centre		100	00
100	00	" " " " North part of town		100	00
100	00	" " " " South part of "		100	00
000	00	Town Officers (except clerk Treasurer & School Committee)		2000	00
400	00	School Committee		300	00
750	00	Superintendent of Schools		750	00
200	00	State Aid		200	00
300	00	Prosecution of Liquor Cases		300	00
200	00	Soldiers Aid Chap. 298. Acts 1889		100	00
100	00	G.A.R. Post Relief Fund		0	0
000	00	Sidewalks		1000	00
480	00	New hose for Fire Dept		240	00
200	00	Drain at North Grafton		0	0
1000	00	Snow bills		1000	00
300	00	Miscellaneous		1500	00

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Financial Statement Feb 1st 1894.

Bonds issued 1889	69000	00		
Note to Grafton Savings Bank	10000	00		
			79000	00
Available assets				
Cash in hands of treasurer	408	97		
" " " Overseer of the Poor	300	00		
" " " Collector of Taxes	25	95		
Due from State Military Aid	479	00		
Due from other towns for support of Poor	212	00		
Uncollected Taxes. 1891	15	53		
" " 1892	660	62		
" " 1893	2585	34		
Personal Property (town farm)	4345	55	9032	96
Debt less available assets			69967	04
Net Debt. February 1st 1894	69967	04		
" " " 1st 1893	63755	53		
Increase of Debt			6211	51
Special appropriations to be raised by taxation in 1894				
Pine Grove Cemetery	200	00		
Sand for Gravel	100	00		
New Hearse	450	00		
Bridge at Farnumsville	750	00		
			1500	00
Amount expended.				
Pine Grove Cemetery	200	00		
Sand for Gravel	75	00		
New Hearse	420	00		
Bridge at Farnumsville	705	41		
			1400	41
Unexpended			99	59
Unavailable assets				
3 fire engines and fixtures	500	00		
1 hose carriage	300	00		
1 hose & ladder carriage	200	00		
3 engine houses	3000	00		
1 lock up	200	00		
1 tramp house	125	00		
2 hearse houses	500	00		

3 hearses.	800	00		
11 School houses.	25000	00		
Furniture of Town Hall and Office	850	00		
Free Public Library	5000	00		
Town Farm and buildings	9000	00		
Town House	25000	00		
Books apparatus and supplies of the high and common Schools	4086	95		
			74561	95

Respectfully submitted

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Daniel N Gibbs
Thomas Wilmarth
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Examined and found correct
O M Wing
A J Hall } auditors

A Copy

Attest
Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Jury List

The following is a list of the Jurors submitted by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the town

Adams Erastus	Elliot Aaron	Knight Willard P
Adams Joseph.	Esten Charles D.	Lincoln Dwight E.
Aretell Cyrus R	Fiske David L.	Lowell Alfred E.
Alexander George	Fay George A.	Loynd William
Banister Henry L.	Getchell Amos G.	Lynch Thomas
Batchelder Charles M.	Goddard Charles	Manning Thomas J.
Batchelor Sanford L.	Goddard Joseph D.	Mann Henry
Bigelow Arthur M.	Goddard Edwin P.	Merchant William H
Brewer Thomas H.	Gibbs Daniel N.	Pratt Charles L
Brooks Henry E.	Gurney Abram E.	Pratt Clarence R.
Brown John A (Saunders all)	Call Henry.	Prout Michael H.
Barber Albert	Hall E Clifford	Rice Ashley W.
Chamberlin Edward F.	Howe Edwin A.	Rice Lyman M
Chickering Jonas H.	Huckins Francis E.	Rogers Stephen S.
Crowe Patrick H.	Jourdan Harrison D.	Sargent Lucius M
Casey Maurice	Keith Moses A.	Sherry William
Corey Daniel	Keith John F.	Sinclair Herbert E
Davenport Stearns L.	Kirby Alfred J.	Smith Charles A. no lin of [illegible]
Durfee James M.	Kelley James C.	Storrie William W
Donovan William E.	Knowlton Samuel H.	Stowe Lewis A.

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Sumner Clarence Shezin David E. Whitney John A.
Sweeney Samuel E. Stockbridge Romanzo Wheeler William H.
Smith Addington A. Thurber Edward C. Wood Edward
Smith Walter E. Warren Horace S. Worcester Franklin
Sweeter John A. Wilmarth Thomas. Hale Samuel B. Jr

List of names of Jurors drawn.

Bassett David S. Gibson Benjamin T. Riggs Henry M.
Brooks George B. Leonard Sumner T. Stone Silas E.
Carey Bernard J. Leland Henry R. Thomas James H.
Gannon Michael Nichols Harrington L. Vinton Frank E.
Goddard Augustus Prentice Frank H. Walter George N.
Goddard Perley Pennock Samuel D.

Francis E. Hawkins
Perley Goddard
Henry E. Brooks
Daniel N. Gibbs
Thomas Wilmarth
} Selectmen of Grafton

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer as printed

Treasurer's Report

Henry F. Wing, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Grafton:

Dr.

To Cash from last report,			1272	08
from Town House Committee				
Rents of Town House			773	50
Amount from Taxes			[illegible]	49
From E. A. Howe, Collector,			37373	64
Amount borrowed on Town Notes,			[illegible]	[illegible]
From Grafton Savings Bank			16000	[illegible]
Overseers of Poor			1459	41
Deposited for permanent care of Cemetery lots				
George C. N. Webster lot by Mary A. Fairbanks			50	0
Amount from Commonwealth as follows				
Corporation Tax.	1116	85		
Interest Bank Tax (National)	443	89		
Military Aid, Chap. 279 Acts 1889	95	00		
State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1889	586	00		
Burial of indigent Soldiers	70	00		
Support of State paupers	58	63		

Burial of State paupers	25	25		
Income of School funds	183	55		
Account of Superintendent of Schools.	624	49	3403	49
Amount from County				
Dog Tax			601	59
Amount from Sundries				
From 1st District Court of Eastern Worcester,	203	87		
Sale of Daniels estate buildings	214	50		
Lozman Wood estate	212	95		
School Superintendent ~~Co bill~~ C B Wood	10	62		
School Committee for tuition	8	00		
School Committee old lumber sold	5	50		
Selectmen license 2 shows	4	00		
Estate of Winthrop Faulkner, library fund	1000	00	1659	44
Amount from Licenses				
Liquor A J Kirby	1000	00		
W L Ripley	1500	00		
Whit Carney	1500	00		
Chas. St Germain	1500	00		
James F Conley	1500	00		
Druggist John H Carpenter	1	00		
H. S. White	1	00		
W M Allen	1	00		
E D. Sea Force	1	00	7004	00
Pool Tables William Ric (or Reed)	4	00		
Peter Flynn	2	00		
A J Kirby	2	00	8	00
Auctioneers				
A G Getchell	2	00		
Cyrus L Adlee	2	00		
J H Hildreth	2	00		
Peddler				
E A Willard	11	00	17	00
			69614	09
Cr.				
By paid Selectmens orders			47130	86
Town Notes to Grafton Savings Bank	6000	00		
1893 Oct Town Bonds No 10-11-12	1500	00	7500	00
By paid interest on notes and bonds as follows				
1893 Apr Town Bonds $10,500,00 6 mo	1410	00		
Oct " " " "	1410	00		
1894 Feb 1 " Grafton Saving Bank	350	00		
Permanent care of Cemetery lots	31	46	3201	46

By paid insurance, Town house	252	—		
Three School houses	57	02		
Town Library	31	25		
New hearse	7	50	347	7
B				
By paid State Tax.	2675	00		
National Bank Tax.	855	39		
County Tax.	1840	00		
Military Aid	168	00		
State Aid	622	00		
Account First District Court Eastern Worcester.	171	00		
Assessors' orders abatement of taxes	227	87		
Expenses for sale Daniels buildings	15	05		
license fees to State.	1750	75		
investment Faulkner Liby funds.	3000	00	11025	00
Balance Cash on hand, Feb 23 - 1894			408	9
			69614	0

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Respectfully submitted
Henry F Wing
Treasurer

Grafton Feb 23, 1894.

Examined and found correct
A J Hall
O M Wing
Auditors

A Copy, Attest
Edwin A Moore
Town Clerk

Voted to accept the following report as printed

Cemetery Funds.

Dolly A Thayer fund $200, deposited in the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank.

1893. Feb 1. To Cash bal. from last report	2	24		
Interest received	25	00	27	24
Amount expended on lot			7	2
1894 Feb 1 Balance in hands of Treasurer			19	9

Jeremiah Learned fund $500, deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings

1893. Feb 1 To Cash balance from last report			30	6
Amount expended on lot			7	00
1894 Feb 1 Balance in hands of Treasurer			23	6

D. E. Merriam Fund. $400, deposited in the Grafton Savings Bank

1893 Feb 1st	To cash balance from last report		39	14
	Amount expended on lot		11	50
1894 Feb 1	Balance in hands of Treasurer		27	64

	Hannah S Piffer fund	$200,00			
	Sylvia W Gadmund "	$100,00			
	Martha W Bates "	50,00			
	Cornelia A Taft "	200,00			
	Adelia R Humes "	50,00			
	G. C. N. Webster "	50,00			
1893 Feb 1.	To Cash balance from last report		17,00		
	Received interest on funds		31,46	48	46
	Amount expended on lots			24	34
1894 Feb 1	Balance in hands of Treasurer			24	12

Respectfully submitted
Henry F Wing
Grafton, Feb. 1, 1894 Treasurer

Examined the above and found correct.

A copy Attest A J Hall
Edwin A Howe O M Wing
Town Clerk Auditors

Voted to accept the following report as printed

State Aid

State aid has been claimed and allowed, under the laws of this Commonwealth, to disabled Soldiers and their families, and paid by the town treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, in each month during the past twelve months, the several sums set against their respective names up to Feb 1 1894.

Mrs Catherine Welch	12 mos	$2,00 per mo	24	—
Mrs Emeline A Smith	12 "	4,— " "	48	—
Mrs Johanna Smith	12 "	4, " "	48	—
Mrs Ann Bradley	12 "	4, " "	48	—
Mrs Caroline Mitchell	12 "	4, " "	48	—
Mrs Sarah J Martin	12 "	4, " "	48	—
Augustus E Davis	10 "	2 " "	20	—
Mrs Almira M Fuller	10 "	4 " "	40	—
Mrs Elizabeth Harding	12 "	4 " "	48	—
Jonathan E Nichols	12 "	8 " "	96	—

H J Tyler	10 Mos	$3.00 per mo	30	—
Lydia Platt.	12 "	4.— " "	48	—
Prushia Hastings	12 "	4.— " "	48	—
Mack Lynch.	12 "	5.— " "	60	—
Walter H Richardson	12 "	6 " "	72	—
Loring Gray	12 "	5 " "	60	—
Victoria Whitney	1 "	4 " "	4	—
			790	00

Respectfully submitted.
Henry F Wing
Treasurer.

Examined the above account and find it correct
A J Hall
O M Wing
Auditors

A Copy
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Rept of Com on Town House as printed

Town House Committee

Town House Committee in account with the Town of Grafton.

Dr.

To cash received on Selectmen's orders				
To amount of rents from Town House as follows:			872	46
Town Hall, one year to February 1st 1894	79	50		
Store J. H. Carpenter, to January 1st 1894	265	00		
Post Office, Martin Hickey to January 1st 1894	200	00		
Franklin Lodge, to January 1st 1894	84	00		
Court Room " " 1st "	40	00		
Office E F Brackett, July 1st 1893	30	00		
G K Nichols and Son, Steam heat	45	00		
Grafton National Bank " "	30	00	773	50
			1645	96

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By paid Town treasurer as per his receipts			773	50
General repairs to Town House	79	75		
S H Redding, painting	79	75		
G K Nichols & Son, paints and Oils	38	89		
Geo H Barnard, slating	18	42		
Henry Parker	8	20		
S F Smith & Son plumbing	2	00		
S B Hale "	2	85	149	11

Town House Running Expenses

Janitor and Agent for Hall	300	00		
Heating	278	17		
Lighting	128	41		
Sundries	16	77	723	35
			1645	96

Respectfully submitted

Horace S Warren } Town House
Henry F Wing } Committee
Daniel N Gibbs }

Grafton Feb. 1st 1894.

Examined above and found it correct.

A Copy
Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

A J Hall }
C M Wing } Auditors

Voted to accept the Report of the Collector as printed

Collector's Report.

Edwin A Howe, Collector in account with the Town of Grafton:

Dr.

To Cash on hand last report	216	35		
" Amount collected tax 1890	33	68		
" " " " 1891	101	48		
" " " " 1892	700	04		
" Interest on Same	45	84	1097	39

Cr

By Cash paid Henry F Wing Treasurer			1097	39

As Collector for 1893

Dr

To amount tax committed to me as per assessors warrant	38738	25		
Subsequently assessed	2	25		
Interest since Oct. 1-1893	121	64	38862	14

Cr

By Cash paid Henry F Wing Treasurer	36274	25		
" Cash on hand	39	95		
" Uncollected taxes as per list	2545	94	38862	14

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Unpaid Taxes Feb 23 1894

Atchue Alfred	2	—	Derossier Norbert	2	—
Allen H F heirs	117	—	Derossier D.	2	—
Allen Luke F heirs	84	—	Doyle Mary heirs	10	50
Allen William J	42	50	Ennis Peter	20	—
Atchue Joseph	18	20	Farrington Arthur E	2	—
Atchue Joseph T.	5	60	Finn Thomas	2	—
Asslin Alfred	17	25	Flagg Samuel C	2	—
Bigelow George M	2	00	Flynn Christopher	2	—
Bourassa Frank	2	00	Flynn Patrick	2	—
Brown Cassius	2	00	Forshey Thomas E	2	—
Banks Clifford	2	00	Fay Otis C	2	—
Brady Emory G	2	00	Fay Mrs Walter E	9	—
Banister Herbert F.	2	00	Fitzpatrick Thomas	33	45
Blair James M.	2	00	Fitzpatrick E. heirs	44	40
Bartlett T Barker	22	10	Fleming John	22	50
Barney Charles H	12	50	Forshay Mrs Ann	21	00
Barrett Mrs P.	19	20	Goodrich John R.	2	—
Basnett Louis	24	50	Goodnow Henry	2	—
Blair Mrs James M.	12	—	Galliger Margaret heirs	17	25
Boucier Eli	5	00	Guertin Alphonso	2	75
Boynton Ambrose	2	30	Hildreth Herbert H	2	—
Boynton George	11	30	Hudson William W.	2	—
Brady Mrs E G.	21	75	Holley Joseph E.	2	—
Brigham Mrs W.	18	00	Hastings Leo	31	25
Brown Elisha M.	2	45	Hildreth John H	27	65
Buxton Lewis D.	2	60	Hildreth Mrs J H	5	25
Cole Henry P	2	00	Hodgeny John	22	25
Carr Thomas P	2	00	Humes Josephine A	9	75
Clark John J	2	—	Humes W Alfred	2	75
Cisco Lewis	2	—	Johnson Elmer E	5	00
Crowe John B	2	—	Jones William H	12	50
Clellan Edward	2	—	Kempton John S	2	—
Clauson Jeans	2	—	Kelly Margaret heirs	6	—
Carroll Francis	8	00	Leslie Joseph	11	—
Carter Edward	44	85	Lindley Edward C	3	25
Chamberlin S P	3	05	Lynch Charles	3	50
Chapin Jonathan	142	85	Lynch Mack	8	—
Clancy Patrick A	3	50	Mills William D	2	—
Cole William	4	25	McHenry Joseph	2	—
Cole Samuel	3	50	Martin David	2	—
Crowe Patrick H.	12	50	Mason Henry	2	40
Damon Walter L	2	—	Mason Edward	2	—

Mason Emanuel	2	—
Madigan John	2	—
McGill David	2	—
McGill Edward	2	—
Murphy Charles	2	—
McHenry Daniel	2	—
Meserie Napoleon	2	—
Minnihan James	2	—
McClintock James	11	—
Messier Peter	40	55
Moore E Judson	29	60
Myott Joseph	7	55
Manning Thomas J	3	50
Nelson James	2	00
Nelson Thomas	2	—
Noyce Calvin D	2	—
O'Leary John	2	—
O'Conner Michael	2	—
O'Conner Dennis	2	—
O'Brien John J	2	—
Osburg Olaf	31	40
Pigeon George	2	—
Pratt George B	2	—
Penniman Charles A	2	—
Prentice Henry	2	—
Pluff Frank	2	—
Pluff Mark	2	—
Powers Thomas	2	—
Pierce Charles A.	35	25
Piper James	35	45
Putnam Charlotte heirs	22	50
Putnam Elias M	2	75
Roy James	2	—
Riggs Henry M	9	50
Robbins Benjamin	12	75
Robbins George W	13	70
Robinson Henry F.	20	00
Smith Charles E	2	—
Smith Amos	2	—
Sheridan Thomas	2	—
Sheehan Timothy Jr	2	—
Smith Albert M	2	—

Smith William H.	2	—
Snow Charles E	2	—
Savage Charles H.	2	—
Shastet Albert	2	—
Slone Walter	2	—
St. Onge Wilfred	2	—
Smith John W.	2	75
Swinott & Bangs	2	75
Sheehan Thomas	3	50
Smith Mrs Edith	15	—
Stockwell Seth	51	25
Slowe Mrs S E	19	95
Slowe Silas E.	96	50
Stratton George W	7	70
Taylor William G	2	—
Tyler Henry J	2	—
Vondell Nelson	2	—
Wood Harry F	2	—
Webber Nicholas	2	—
Welch Edward	2	—
Warren Miss Ellen E	246	75
Walson, Charles	26	45
Wheeler J D heirs	97	50
White John B heirs	36	00
Whitney Edward E	17	60
Whitney James D	39	70
Wood Mrs C W	22	80
Wood Henry C.	24	05
Worcester F.	115	25
Young Gilman P.	118	25
Robinson N Alonzo	2	—
Riley James	2	45
	2389	94
Non Residents		
Brown Leroy S	22	50
Clancy James		75
Fowler Ezekiel	4	50
Ferguson James	1	50
Healey James J	2	25
Hubbard Daniel B	37	50
Knapp Edward M	24	00
Lalley John		75

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Newton, Henry E.		24 —
Perron, Julia		1 50
Pullard Charles A.		21 75
Russell H G.		9 —
Tucker Mrs J E		3 —
Merrifield, Lucius		3 —
Total		25451 94

All of which is respectfully submitted

Edwin A Howe
Grafton Feb 23rd 1894 Collector

A Copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

It was voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed

Annual Report of the Overseers of the Poor for the year ending Feb 1-1894

Receipts

Cash on hand Feb 1 1893	300 00	
Selectmens orders	6566 98	
Town and Cities for pauper aid	494 39	
Sales of produce	1389 96	8751 33

Expenditures

Paid Almshouse expenses	3772 39	
Aid to paupers out of Almshouse,	1551 79	
Cities and Towns	737 30	
Hospital bills.	744 49	
Traveling expenses in pauper cases postage &c	34 20	
Tramp house expenses	159 75	
Town Treasurer	1451 41	
Cash in hands of Overseers	300 00	8751 33

Almshouse Accounts

Paid Warden and Matron	400	—		
" Out-door labor	324	36		
" Housework and nursing	174	48		
Medical attendence	151	65		
Hospital supplies	44	68		
Groceries and provisions	145-4	39		
Dry goods and clothing	139	18		
House furnishing and repairs	87	63		
Grain and grinding	531	79		
Blacksmith bills	44	09		
Manure and fertilizers	140	73		
Coal	103	95		
Stock	53	65		
Miscellaneous expenses	114	41	3772	39

Receipts

Recd for Milk	997	19		
Hay and fodder	311	99		
Beef Pork & Veal	30	37		
Sundries	50	41		
Increase of Inventory	60	14	1450	12
Net cost of Almshouse			2322	27

For which 839 weeks support has been furnished at a cost per week of $2.70+

The following persons have been supported at the Almshouse within the year.

John Pogue	* Charles Bee
John Riley	* James Carney
Charles Hayden	Alice Toner,
Flora Ried	* James Kelley
John Gardner	Thomas Quick
* James O'Ragen	Jaques Parent,
John Cosgrove	Austin Sherman
Elijes Stowe	* Lizzie Sweeney
Indy Cobert	William Sawyer
Harriet Knowlton	Robert Redpath
* Michael Atty	Lawrence Adams
* Loydie Thatcher	* Michael O'Donnell
Frank Goodrich	Frank Newton
* Charles Stockwell	Noah Parent

* died or discharged within the year

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Out-Door Poor.

Aid has been granted 4 persons out of Almshouse as follows.

	162	71	
	156	36	
Anna Benoit and family	162	71	
Mary Turner	156	36	
Eliza A Adams (insane)	156	47	
Mary Ann Bashaw,	56	00	
George D Sprague and family	6	50	
Katie Bodreau	14		
Diantha Chamberlin	13	40	
Margaret Balcom	106		
Leon Bouraessa's family	133	08	
Joseph Maynard and family	106	23	
Lizzie Sweeney	22	21	
Frank Odlum	58		
Alice Turner	8		
John Blanchett, and family	40	95	
Edward Peloquin (burial)	16		
Joseph Bashaw's family	89	81	
Dan Peters	42		
John Webber	19		
Asa A Knowles' family	102	88	
W Clegnan's family	2		
Joseph Stone's family	9		
John McCole	24		
Robert Redpath	29		
C Frank Nichols	32	60	
Peloquin Children	8	25	
James Harney	2	45	
Mary Gilman	11	28	
Mary Kennedy	11		
Napoleon Bonaparte Monroe Temple	9		
Wm Bonner	6		
Charles E Pierce	9	79	
Nathaniel Remick Jr	2	65	
Mary Forrest	14		
Louis J. H. Pluff (burial)	4	25	
Clara Gogan "	4	40	
John Learency "	10		
Alfred J Pitman "	5	25	
Edna Devlin "	4	40	
Eli Kuepfer child "	4	90	
James Kelley "	12	00	
Lydia Thatcher "	11	50	
Charles Hughes and family	44	00	1551 79.

Cities and Towns.

Bills have been paid the following cities and towns for aid to persons having a settlement in Grafton

Millbury	295	92		
Natick	224	24		
Boston	24			
Springfield	48	07		
Worcester	212	19		
Pepperell	31	93		
Brockton	28	45		
Northbridge	75		737	30

Tramp House.

Paid John E McClellan coal	29	75		
" James Carey for putting up 1040 tramps at 12½ cts each	130	00	159	75

Hospital Bills

Paid for George L Wheelock in Worcester Hospital	169	46		
Edward A. Wilson " " "	169	46		
Oscar L Whitney " " "	9	29		
Jesse A Bradish " Westborough "	169	48		
Charles Denega " Bridgewater Almshouse	95	20		
James McGovern " "	18	00		
Ann Winn " Newbury "	35	60		
Joseph L Rumney at Northampton	78	00	744	49

Receipts from Towns and Cities

From Northbridge	23	00		
Worcester	9	38		
Franklin	96			
Millbury	205	80		
Brookfield	19			
Boston	8			
Webster	12	50		
Hudson	28	25		
Upton	92	38	494	39

Summary

Recd from Town Treasurer	6566	98		
Inventory reported Feb 1 1893	4285	39		
Due from Towns & State Feb 1 1893	498		11350	37
Inventory Feb 1 1894	4345	55		
Paid Town Treasurer	1451	41		
Town Treasurer Recd from State Treasurer	83	88	6092	84
Due from Town & State Feb 1 1894	212			
Net cost of support of Poor			5257	53

over

Inventory of Personal property on Town Farm Feb 1st 1894

13 Cows.	534	50
1 heifer	15	
1 bull	20	
3 horses.	325	
4 Swine	30	
21 fowles	12	60
800 baskets corn.	240	00
1/2 ton bran.	10	25
4 bags C meal.	4	—
9 bags C.S. meal	12	60
7 bushels oats	3	15
2 bags provender.	2	
1 pair team harnesses	25	
3 Single harnesses.	30	
1 Express harness	25	
1 Sleigh	30	
1 democrat wagon	45	
1 express "	40	
1 two horse team wagon	55	
1 two horse tip cart	35	
2 one horse wagons	60	
2-horse sled	50	
1- horse "	45	
1 hay tedder	15	
Horse rake	12	
Mowing machine	35	
Lumber & Logs	20	
Horse hoe	4	
Cultivator	4	
1 A. Harrow	10	
1 Perry "	10	
1 weeder	6	
4 plows	28	
1 stone drag	1	
1 smoothing drag	2	
1 sand screen	5	
Hay cutter	5	
Ladders and hook	11	
Wheelbarrows. scales & measures	8	
Baskets	2	50
Blankets & Robes	6	00
	18	

100 flour bbls.	10			
Hay caps.	30			
Grindstones	7			
Stove tools	5			
Household goods	900			
165 bushel potatoes	140	25		
50 " Small "	12	50		
100 lbs pork.	10			
½ bbl pickles	3			
25 gals vinegar,	3			
40 " cider	8			
4 bbl apples.	8			
10 gals boiled cider	4			
25 bushels Swede turnip	4	25		
4 " beets	3			
10 Gals K Oil		70		
3 bus carrots	1	75		
Stove coal	63	00		
Furnace "	157	50		
16 cords wood	63			
All other farming tools	100			
Farm boiler	38			
30 tons english hay at 18,	540			
6¾ " " " @ 16,	100			
2½ " C Fodder	20			
12½ " Medow	100			
Groceries on hand	55			
Due from sales of produce	105		4345	55

Appraised Feb 6, 1894

John A Sweetser
Silas E Stowe
Seth Stockwell } Appraisers

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Le Banister
Silas Vinton
Erastus Adams } Overseers of the Poor.

Examined the above and found it correct
A J Hall
C M Wing } Auditors

A Copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept as printed the report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery.

Town of Grafton in account with the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery,

	Dr				
1893 Feb 16	By Balance on hand	13	99		
June 6 "	Town Order	100	00		
Aug 8 "	" "	200	00		
Oct 28 "	" "	700	00		
1894 Jan	By lots sold Geo M Peters 10.41				
	M J Fowler 11.40	21	85		
"	Wood sold C R Pratt	5	—		
	Cash Slocumb fund	5	—		
	Pomeroy "	1	—		
	T C Briscoe "	1	—	1047	84
	Cr				
1892 June 10	C C Paine, Engineer	10	—		
July 12	John E McClellan, labor on grounds	48	75		
" 31	Henry Mann, mowing grounds	10	—		
Aug 3	A J Hall sign boards	2	24		
Sept 11	George W Stratton labor on grounds	27	12		
	Fred W Rhodes " " "	14	38		
	John Houlihan " " "	3	75		
	J S Whitney " " "	3	00		
1894 Jan 24	John E McClellan " " "	11	75		
	Care of Slocumb lot: "Slocumb fund"	5	—		
	" " Tinker lot "Pomeroy " "	1	—		
	" " Briscoe lot "T C Briscoe " "	1	—	137	99
1893	Daniels Addition				
July 29	Rhodes & Stratton cutting and digging Roots of apple trees.	27	75		
Aug 31	Fred W Rhodes labor	4	25		
	Geo W Stratton "	8	75		
Sept 11	John Houlihan "	3	75		
14	Jas W Mannix "	1	50		
Oct 28	John E McClellan, grading grounds	800	00		
	A J Hall boundary pickets	12	50	860	50
1894				998	49
Feb 12	Balance on hand $49.35				

For the Trustees
Joseph A Dodge
Treasurer.

Examined above and find correct.
A J Hall
C M Wing } Auditors

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Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor. Rawson fund as printed

Rawson fund. $500,00

Cash on hand Feb 1 1893	15	86		
Income	130	89	146	75
Expended for relief			145	43
			1	32

For Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor
Perley Dodd acc Clerk

Examined and found correct
C M Wing Auditor

A Copy Attest
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the North Brookfield cemetery with amendment that it be Pine Grove instead of North Brookfield

Town of Brookfield in account with Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery Dr

1893 Jan 1	By balance of account	6	31	
	" Cash received for lots sold	47	—	
	" " " of Town	200	—	253 31
Jan 1	For cash paid for grading, etc	171	25	
	" " paid for mowing	6	—	177 25
1894 Jan 1	Balance on hand			76 06

For the Trustees
L R Leeland
Treasurer

Examined above and find correct
A J Hall
C M Wing } Auditors

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Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery as printed:

Fairview Cemetery

Town of Grafton in account with the Trustees of Fairview Cemetery:

Cr

1893 Feb 8	By Cash on hand,	43	55		
	" lots sold	68	28	111	83

Dr.

1893. May 4	To G W Fenny labor,	4	40		
" " 12	" J G Perrin trees	10	00		
June 3	" J E McClellan labor	34	75		
July 3	" G W Fenny	4	50	53	65
	Balance on hand Feb 2, 1894			58	18

For the Trustees
A. L. Fisher
Treasurer

Examined and found correct
O M Wing } Auditors
A J Hall

A Copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

Voted to accept the report of Quartermaster of A B R Sprague Post 24 G A R as printed as follows

Cash balance on hand Feb 1-1893	22	96		
Appropriation	100	00	122	96
Expended for the relief of Soldiers and their families	21	65		
Cash balance on hand Feb 1-1894	101	31	122	96

Clarence Sumner
Quartermaster

Examined the above and found correct
A J Hall } Auditors
O M Wing

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Edwin A Howe Town Clerk

Voted to accept as printed the Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department as printed.

Engineers Report.

Alden M Bigelow, Chief Engineer, Fire Department in account with Town of Grafton,

Cr.

1893 March	Paid Eureka Fire Hose Co.,	480	—
" 24	" Charles Savage bill	1	50
May 2	" Services of fire Engineers from May 1/92 to May 1/93	60	00
"	" Rescue ~~Engine~~ Co Service from May 1/92 to May 1/93	170	00
	" Henry S Crippen Hose Co Services from May 1/92 to May 1/93	170	00
	" Blackstone Engine Co No 3 Services from May 1/92 to May 1/93	419	17
	" Hook & Ladder Co No 1 Service from May 1/92 to May 1/93	160	00
	Cornelius Callahan to bill	54	50
	Mrs Ann Norman "	8	00
	Goulding Bros "	3	45
	Charles Murphy "	3	00
	James Brown "	5	50
	James F Fahey "	2	50
	David S Bassett "	5	—
	Henry E Brooks "	1	50
	Alden M Bigelow "	25	
	John E McClellan "	6	50
	Silas Vinton & Son "	3	25
	George Dupee watching at Flax Mill barn fire	1	50
	Fred Atchue " " " " " "	1	50
	Leonard Reddy " " " " " "	1	50
	George Pluff " " " " " "	1	50
	George K Nichols & Son	1	88
Sept 4	P L Rider bill	20	70
	Silas Vinton & Son	9	50
	Lewis H Bigelow	6	00
	Charles Murphy	4	25
	George H Crickmer	1	65
	Charles Barisseau watching at Martin Kelly fire	2	
	Lewis Cicco " " " " "	2	
	James Atchue " " " " "	2	

	Alton Robinson, watching at H F Wing fire	2	00		
	David S Bassett	4	00		
	Alden M Bigelow	15	00		
18 Dec 4	George K Nichols Son	18	22		
	Graton & Knight Mfg Co	3	57		
	David S Bassett	7	50		
	John E McClellan	3	25		
	Michael Casey		50		
	Frank Kent		60		
1894 Feb 5th	A G Getchell rent	25	00		
	A G Kempton	3	00		
	J S Packard	3	75		
	Lewis H Bigelow	4	35		
	L A Hastings	10	00		
	Postage		06	1737	05
	Cr				
1893 Mar 11	By Selectmen's order	480	00		
May 23	" Cash Eureka Hose Co	1	56		
May 2	" Selectmen's Order	1105	25		
Sept 4	" " "	71	10		
Dec 4	" " "	33	64		
1894 Feb 5	" " "	46	10	1737	65

Appropriations

For hose	$480.00
" Fire Department	1100.00
	1580.00

Alden M Bigelow,
Chief Engineer

Examined and found correct

a copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

O M Wing } Auditors
A J Hall. }

Voted to accept as printed, the report of the Committee on Common.

Town of Grafton in account with Common Committee

Dr

1893 Apr & May	Grading, gravel and preading, new walk to Church St	13	97		
May	Repairs on band Stand	1	25		
	Raking Common, cleaning ditches and walks	9	62		

May	Mowing Common and Square with lawn mower	7	40		
June	Repairs on lawn mower	2	–		
Aug	Labor on walks and ~~[illegible]~~ square & mowing	18	86		
Aug & Sept	Labor and team work in and around Common	13	00		
Sept	Repairs on lawn mowers	2	00		
	Rakes nails & Screws	3	20		
1894 Jan	Gravel carting mowing and Stowing Seats	12	83		
	Hauling and spreading manure	6	00		
Sept	Labor on walks and mowing	9	87	100	00
	Cr				
1893 Mar	By appropriation			100	00
	Tools on hand				
	Lawn mower	7	00		
	Rope		75		
	Two Rakes		50	8	25

For the Committee
D W Norcross

Examined and found correct

C. M. Wing Auditor

A Copy Attest
Edwin A. Moore
Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of Streets as printed, as follows.

Report of
Superintendent of Streets.

Received for repairing Highways Bridges Culverts, Etc and expended as follows:

Worcester road	85	–
Farnumville road	250	–
Saundersville "	200	–
Millbury "	140	–
Westboro "	103	–
Old Westboro "	210	–
New Upton	145	–
Old Upton road	65	–
North Grafton to Shrewsbury line	29	–

North Grafton to Westboro line	117	00		
North Grafton to Henry Wesson's	13	—		
Mc Mannus road	18	—		
George Hill road	137	—		
Cooper Hill "	37	—		
Keith "	57	—		
P & W River road	89	—		
Follett's "	39	—		
Pullard's "	42	—		
Prentice "	21	—		
Dibley "	25	—		
Brigham Hill district	185	—		
Leland " road	41	—		
Ferry Street	38	—		
Common	52	—		
South St	88	—		
Oak St	70	—		
North St	65	—		
Mrs Jourdan's to Ice House	27	—		
Edward Estabrook road	43	—		
New road, Fisherville	27	—		
Lewis Slow's road	18	—		
Waterville	95	—		
Scraping and raking stone	449	32	3100	32
Bridges and Culverts	327	00		
Washouts	665	00		
John E McClellan. Services	142	00	1134	00
			4234	32
Sidewalks			1576	30
Appropriation	1200	00		
Betterments	260	36	1460	36
Over-draft			115	94
Snow bills from Feb 1 1893 to Feb 1 1894				
Expended			2349	40
Appropriations			2000	
Over-draft			349	40
Special North Grafton Drain				
Expended			200	17
Appropriation			200	
Over-draft				17

A Copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

John E McClellan
Supt of Streets.

Examined and found correct
A Hall
C M Wing
Auditors

Voted to accept the report of the Assessors as printed

Assessors Report

number of residents assessed on property	563
Non-Residents	111
number of Corporations and firms	29
" of persons assessed for Poll only	773
number of Polls	1251
Poll tax	$2.00

Value of Personal property assessed	600,700 00
Resident Bank Stock	62,600 00
Total Personal Property assessed	663,300 00
Value of buildings assessed	1,175,795 00
Value of land	539,225 00
Total real estate	1,715,050 —
Total valuation for 1893	2,378,350 —
Total " " 1892	2,330,030 —
Gain for 1893	48,320

Rate of Tax per $1000,	$15.00
No of horses assessed	558
No " cows "	958
No " Sheep "	76
No " Swine "	60
No " cattle other than cows	237
No of fowls	6392
No of dwelling houses	998
No of acres of land	13,334

Town Grant	$40,880.00
Less	7,750.00 available cash assets
	33130.00
State tax	2,675.00
County tax	1,840.00
Overlayings	532.25
Total	

Grafton June 26-1893

Luther K Leland
Silas E Stowe
Arthur M Bigelow
} Assessors of Grafton

A Copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

530

Voted to accept as printed the report of the Town Clerk.

Report of the Town Clerk for the year ending Dec 31, 1893

Births

Males	61	American parentage	44
Females	60	Foreign one or both	77
	121		121

Marriages

American born	17
Foreign born (one or both)	38
	54

Deaths

Males	47	American born	62
Females	48	Foreign "	34
Still born	2	Unknown	1
	97		97

Under 1 year of age	22	Death in January	6
Between 1 and 5 yrs.	8	February	7
" 5 " 10	2	March	11
" 10 " 20	3	April	11
" 20 " 30	7	May	11
" 30 " 40	6	June	5
" 40 " 50	5	July	6
" 50 " 60	6	August	12
" 60 " 70	16	September	11
" 70 " 80	12	October	4
" 80 " 90	8	November	6
over 90	2	December	2
	97		97

Dogs Registered.

Males	320	
Females	20	340

Annual Town meeting March 6th 1893
Special " " June 27th "
" " " July 25th "
" " " Sept 19th "

Respectfully submitted
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

A copy Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept as printed the report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library. The following is the financial part of the report for a more extended report see printed report on file in Town Clerks Office.

Henry H Wing, Treasurer.

In account with Free Public Library and Reading Room

1894 Jan 6 P

Cr.

Received appropriation of the town dog fund	542 76	
Feb 5 " " of the town	150 00	
" Income of Field Library fund	110 19	
" " Faulkner " "	75 35	
" Librarian for fines.	4	882 30

Cr.

By Cash paid for books purchased for library	341 17	
For periodicals and papers	88 50	
J. S Welch & Sons rebinding books	39 35	
C B Wood, printing.	14 —	
Incidentals for office.	10 50	
Express.	4 24	
Covering books.	14 20	
Covering books 1892	13 95	
Henry Parker, gas fixtures and piping	16 26	
Hattie S Mann Salary to March 1 1894	175 —	
Total Expenditures		718 18
Balance on hand Feb 19-1894		163 12
		882 30

The trustees would respectfully recomend an appropriation for the library of $100.00 together with the proceeds of the dog tax for the current year.

In behalf of the Trustees of the Free Public Library

B A Robie
Chairman

Examined and found correct

O M Wing
Auditor

A Copy Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed. The following is the financial statement for a more extended report see printed report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk

School Committee Rept.

Financial Statement.

Teachers. Etc

High School

Paid Teachers	2158	05		
			2158	05
Contra				
Appropriation.	1800	00		
Amount overdrawn	358	05	2158	05
Common Schools				
Paid Regular Teachers	8203	90		
Drawing and Music Teacher	534	00		
Expenses of Drawing and Music Teacher	67	86		
Pupil Teacher's	137	80		
S Vinton & Sons (conveyance of Pupils)	147	00		
Maude L Gurney Error in acct of 1892-93	7	00		
Postage and Telegrams	13	25		
Conveyance of Teacher	6	00	9116	81
Contra				
Appropriation	7500	00		
Tuition	8	00		
Amount overdrawn	1608	81	9116	81
Fuel and care of rooms.				
Paid for wood and Coal (High School)	64	15		
" " " " " (Common Schools)	751	81		
" " " " " (Supts office)	10	00		
" for care of Rooms (High School)	96	00		
" " " " " (Common Schools)	863	40		
" " " " " (Supts office)	18	30	1803	66
Contra				
Appropriation for Fuel and Janitors	1400	00		
Amount over-drawn	403	66	1803	66

Repairs. Fixtures. Apparatus. Etc.

Paid	Thomas Finn digging drain	5	55
"	A J Ford. supplies	7	60
"	A J Ford labor.	2	00
"	John Conley. labor on vault	10	00
"	Fred R Leland. cleaning vault.	2	00
"	N. T. Wheelock. labor.	2	42
"	Nettie L Henry piling wood. etc	1	50
"	John E McClellan trucking	1	35
"	W. T. Barker. supplies	11	24
"	S W Norcross	3	34
"	George H Pratt. paid for lumber cement, etc	3	00
"	Geo K Nichols & Son supplies	7	27
"	Thomas Finn labor.	8	75
"	Peter Flynn labor.	3	50
"	Winchester Furniture Co. inkwells	1	50
"	John E McClellan trucking	1	40
"	Paul Letourneau. labor.	23	35
"	C B Wood printing for committee	10	62
"	Sanford-Sawtelle Co record book for Com.	4	00
"	S B Hale labor on clover	2	35
"	Thomas Finn labor	10	20
"	S E Stone flag staff and setting	8	00
"	Frank T Johnson teem Oct 21/92 (Columbus day)	4	00
"	Dean W Macker Enlarging out house at North Ingham	85	58
"	N. T. Wheelock labor		60
"	Jones McDuffee & Stratton umbrella holders	4	58
"	A J Hall old bill 92-93.	78	64
"	A J Hall repairs labor and lumber	58	57
"	W. C. Fletcher carpenter	4	38
"	Mrs J. L. Cisco cleaning school house	1	20
"	Mrs Olaf Oehrig " " "	1	25
"	Emily F Fagan conveyance	4	00
"	Geo Rugg for graduating expenses High School	40	00
"	Emily F Fagan conveyance	2	00
"	John E McClellan trucking	2	00
"	A J Ford supplies	13	41
"	Wesley Marshall. cleaning school house	1	25
"	N T Wheelock labor and lumber		90
"	Paul Letourneau labor	5	05
"	John Conley "	1	50
"	Edw L Smith & Co supplies	2	50

Paid C B Wood printing High School programs	9	25
Geo H Pratt. felt for tables cover.		67
A J Ford painting school house	100	00
Geo K Nichols two tables	5	00
A J Ford painting fence and out house.	30	00
Mrs H Parker ribbon for High School	2	40
A J Hall shingling and repairs	137	49
A J Hall laying floor	154	77
A J Hall lumber	2	80
A J Hall repairs	1	25
J Galloway express.		35
S B Hale work on stoves, etc	26	03
Geo S Perry & Co liquid slating	24	00
Thomas Finn labor and cleaning	12	00
Mrs Thomas Finn cleaning	10	95
Mrs Mary Thompson cleaning	1	65
John Conley labor	9	10
Paul Letourneau labor	32	60
N. T. Wheelock, labor.	4	13
A J Hall, repairs,	143	07
S Winton & Son teams	24	25
Thomas Hall & Son physical apparatus,	12	55
Geo W Stratton labor	1	87
Fred Rhodes labor,		63
Geo K Nichol & Son supplies	27	45
Mrs W W Tassington cleaning	1	50
A P Gage & Son physical apparatus	15	84
Franklin Educational Co. physical apparatus,	38	76
A G Ford labor.	3	50
Geo F Woodcock painting	12	00
J H Carpenter supplies and alcohol	13	98
E M Putnam conveyance	5	00
S Winton & Son team		50
Geo Rugg express		90
Thomas Finn labor	5	50
J Galloway express		30
A P Gage & Son physical apparatus	1	60
Franklin Educational Co physical apparatus	20	98
E M Putnam conveyance	8	00
L H Bigelow hauling sand	1	00
Paul Letourneau labor	2	65
John Crowe cleaning	2	25

Paid	Fred K Leeland cleaning	2	00	
"	John Conley. labor.	2	35	
"	N T Wheeler labor.	5	94	
"	A J Ford. labor and supplies	18	55	
"	W C Fletcher carpenter	13	55	
"	Mrs J. L. Cisco cleaning.	1	20	
"	W T Barker supplies	12	08	
"	S F Smith & Son plumbing	2	20	
"	John E McClellan trucking etc.	5	00	
"	A G Getchell & Son plumbing	8	00	
"	Frank White painting	4	86	
"	George R Nichols & Son supplies.	12	43	
"	Cyrus Aylell conveyance of teacher	14	50	
"	Mrs Annie Forrest cleaning	4	50	
"	Frank White painting	53	75	
"	Mrs Annie Forrest cleaning	4	50	1538 13

Contra,

	Appropriation	800	00	
	Paid into Town treasury for old lumber etc	5	50	
	Amount over-drawn	732	63	1538 13

Text-Books and Supplies

Apr 3	Grafton and Upton R.R. freight	83		
	Adams Express Co	2	30	
	Adams Express Co	1	15	
	H. M. Riggs express	3	25	
May 1	J E McClellan trucking		85	
	Grafton & Upton R.R. freight		42	
	Adams Express Co	1	15	
	Sanford Sawtelle & Co Stationary	5	75	
	Sanford Sawtelle & Co Stationary for Columbian exhibit	5	—	
	American Book Co in acct of charts purchased 1892	50	00	
	Geo F King & Merrill sponges 250	1	88	
	Geo F King & Merrill pens 30 Gross	9	00	
	Geo F King & Merrill practice paper 60 reams	21	60	
	Houghton Mifflin & Co 18 Riverside literature series	6	12	
	32 Masterpieces american literature	27	20	
	University Publishing Co 22 Manry Physical Geog	24	40	
	G. P. Putnam & Sons 12 Irving sketch books	8	00	
	Silver Burdett & Co 2 mowers Civil Gov	1	60	
	J. L. Hammett blank books	5	50	
	Milton Bradly & Co 6 Doz tracing leaves	4	50	

	Boston School Supply Co 24 Sheldon's complete arithmetic	15	28
	24 Warren's large Geog	21	60
	22 Lippincott's first reader	5	15
	2 Lippincott first reader (teachers ed)		74
	George S Perry & Co 6 gross lead pencils	15	00
	1/10 Envelopes		40
	4 doz mucilage	2	40
	Geo S Perry & Co 120 Composition books	3	60
	1 gross number 2 Slate bands	8	44
	1 " " 1 " "	6	91
	4 pounds erasers, 1 case crayon	3	20
	12 gross assorted crayon	5	60
	1 " rulers	7	60
	36 boxes slate pencils	2	25
	12 reams manilla	3	60
	400 spelling books	12	24
June 5	Grafton & Upton RR freight	11	00
	Adams Express Co		55
	Geo F King & Merrill. 1 case sponges	1	20
	DeWolfe, Fiske & Co 59 vols for teachers library	7	50
	H M Rigg express	56	05
	C B Wood printing	1	15
	Geo S Perry & Co 2 gross rulers	41	24
	2 gross pen holders	4	50
	4000 Hailman's leads	1	80
	20 reams drawing paper	7	20
	20 reams letter paper	12	—
	2 gross ink	20	—
	Boston School Supply Co 36 Warren's Small geog	12	—
	36 Warren's large Geog	14	40
	Somerford Sawtelle Co, stencil paper	28	80
July 3	J E McClellan trucking	1	38
	Somerford Sawtelle Co 12 Sheets colored card-board		55
	1/2 doz Sheets blotting paper		60
	Adams Express Co		40
	Porter & Coates 6 Ellis U S History		35
July 25	G & C Merriam Co 2 International Dictionary	4	80
	H M Rigg Express	12	00
Sept 4	Silver, Burdett & Co 32 doz Copy books	1	85
	24 Singing books Enterpan	22	40
	Grafton & Upton RR	25	00
	Adams Express Co		42
			60

forward

	Sanford Sawtelle Co rebinding 43 music readers	6	45
	3 tubes mimeograph ink	2	40
	1/4 lb rubber bands		75
Sept 4	H A Daniels labor	1	60
	S Vinton & Son	10	75
" 28th	Sanford Sawtelle Co 33 reams manilla	4	95
	1 gross composition books	6	00
	rebinding school books 105 vols	19	34
	Ginn & Co 5 Goodwin's Greek grammars	6	25
	5 White's Beginners Greek	6	25
	10 Wentworth's algebra	11	67
	6 Wentworth's geometry	6	25
	10 Gale's Caesar	3	33
	J L Hammett 30 teachers blanks	4	50
	200 composition books	5	00
	90 Riverside literature series	11	48
	9 Vols for teachers library	6	06
	Silver Burdett & Co 40 systematic experiment blanks	8	34
	American Book Co 6 elementary chemistry	5	19
	Carl Schoenhof 7 Otto's French Grammar	7	98
	7 Paul et Virginie	2	94
	6 Gasc's French dict	5	28
	H. A. Daniels, labor	1	20
Nov 3	Adams Express Co	2	35
	Ginn & Co 1 algebra. Wentworth	1	03
	Silver Burdett Co 10 doz copy books	8	00
	Geo S Perry & Co 1 gross black board erasers	7	00
	Sanford Sawtelle Co rebinding 103 vols	17	48
	2 dictionaries	3	00
	J H Carpenter stationary	2	05
Dec 4	S Vinton & Son	9	00
	Ginn & Co 310 Wentworth's grammar school arithmetic	142	50
	20 Wentworth's first steps in number (pupils ed)	5	00
	20 Wentworth's first steps in number (teachers ed)	15	00
	20 Wentworth's primary arithmetic	5	00
	Balch Bros supplementary W's prof. cyclopedia	6	00
	H M Rigg express	2	45
	Adams Express Co	1	35
	H & Holt 1 music chart	10	00
	40 music readers	10	80
	Sanford Sawtelle Co 25 gross pens	10	50
	5 gal black ink	7	00
	20 reams examination paper	18	00

over

150 reams manilla paper	19	50		
20 reams examination paper	18	00		
100 reams practice paper	25	50		
20 reams drawing paper	7	00		
J E McClellan trucking	1	20		
Martin Hickey envelopes	2	70		
H M Riggs express	1	75	1114	59
Contra				
Appropriation	800	00		
University Publ Co credit 15 Guyot phys geog (old)	6	75		
16 2/3 per cent discount on $40	1	40		
Ginn & Co credit for 261 old arithmetic (large)	32	40		
credit 40 old arithmetic small	4	00		
Due from Ginn & Co on acct of old books returned	37	20		
Error in bill of C B Wood	10	62		
Amount over drawn	202	42	1114	59

Table of Expenditures by Schools

Schools	Teachers Sal etc	Janitors	Fuel	Repairs Furniture Apparatus	Total
High School	2158.05	96.00	44.15	340.33	2658.53
Brick (Centre) School	1388.40	146.65	86.20	105.13	1726.38
Centre Primary School	337.20	25.50	32.04	21.87	417.58
North Grafton School	2100.40	213.60	191.97	212.79	2718.76
Farnumsville & Fisherville School	1644.30	178.00	202.88	257.59	2282.72
Saundersville School	1004.60	124.60	94.50	182.17	1405.87
Waterville School	320.40	35.60	17.68	23.21	396.89
Keith Hill School	320.40	35.00	36.00	4.45	395.85
George Hill School	320.40	18.80	21.63	178.51	539.34
Merriam District School	320.40	33.10	20.50	31.86	405.86
Farms District School	302.40	33.60	19.84	74.70	4
Conveyance of Teacher	6.00		28.55		436.54
Centreville School	144.00	19.00	28.55	4.75	196.30
Superintendents Room		18.30	10.00	7.15	35.45
School Committee				14.98	14.98
A J Hall bill 1892-93				78.64	78.64
Special Teacher and Expenses	601.86				601.86
Pupil Teachers	137.80				137.80
Conveyance of Centreville Teachers	147.00				147.00
Maude Le Gurry Error acct of 1892-93	7.00				7.00
Postage and Telegrams	13.25				13.25
Totals	9116.81	977.70	825.96	1538.13	14616.65
	2158.05				
Total for all Schools	11274.89	977.70	825.96	1538.13	14616.65

Orders drawn for Text books & Supplies 1050.24

Miscellaneous Acct 333.75

Total of all Schools orders drawn $16000.64

Recapitulation

Expenditures

Teachers, high school,	2,158	00	
Teachers common school,	8,203	90	
Special teachers drawing, music	534	00	
Expenses of special teachers,	67	84	
Pupil teachers	137	80	
Conveyance of teachers,	147	00	
Conveyance of Pupils	6	00	
Error in account 1892-1893	147	00	
Postage and Telegrams.	7	00	
Fuel	13	25	
Care of rooms	825	96	
Books and supplies	977	70	
Repairs, fixtures, etc	1,114	59	
	1,338	13	
			15,731 24

Receipts,

Appropriation for teachers: high school	1,800	00	
" " " Common Schools	7,500	00	
" " Books and supplies	800	00	
" " repairs and fixtures, etc	800	00	
" " fuel and janitor	1400	00	
Error in C B Wood's bill for supplies	10	42	
Amount of credit for old books etc	64	35	
Interest on Gov. w fund	60	00	
State School fund	188	55	
State Aid on account of Superintendent	374	49	
Received for tuition	8	00	
Sale of old lumber	5	50	
Due from Ginn & Co	37	20	
Amount overdrawn	2,682	53	
Total receipts			15,731 24

Examined and found correct

A J Hall
C M Wing } Auditors

A copy Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Art 4th taken up.

and on Motion of Henry F Wing it was voted to act on the recomendations of the Selectmen singly.

Voted to raise and appropriate for Bonds No 13-14-15 —

Fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00).

On Motion of Perley Goddard it was voted to raise and appropriate for Interest on town debt

three thousand ($3000.00) dollars.

On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted to raise and appropriate for High School the sum of

Twenty-one hundred ($2100.00) dollars

Motion by John A Brown that we raise and appropriate for Common Schools eighty five hundred ($8500.00) dollars.

Amendment by Henry Mann that it be nine thousand 9000 dollars. and the amendment was lost

Amendment by George K Nichols that it be ninety one hundred ($9100.00) dollars, and the amendment was carried and the Origenal motion as amended was carried.

On Motion of Perley Goddard it was voted to raise and appropriate for Fuel and Janitors the sum of

Fourteen hundred dollars ($1400.00)

On Motion of A B Hudson it was voted to raise and appropriate for Books and supplies nine hundred 900.00 dollars

Motion of D. L. Fiske that we raise and appropriate for repairs and fixtures Eight hundred ($800.00) dollars

amendment by Henry F Wing that it be nine hundred (900.00) dollars, and amendment carried and motion as amended was carried.

On Motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve hundred ($1200.00) dollars for the fire Department

On Motion of A. W. Rice voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand ($3000.00) dollars for highways

Motion of Henry F Wing that we raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ($100.00) dollars and the proceeds of the day tax. for the Public Library, amendment by D W Norcross that it be one hundred and seventy five (175.00) dollars. and the proceeds of the day tax. amendment declared carried and doubted. Francis E Huckins and Daniel N Gibbs were appointed as Tellers and sworn by the Moderator. a rising vote was then taken. the result of the vote was yes. forty one (41) no thirty-six (36). amendment carried and the motion as amended was carried.

On Motion of A. W. Rice it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-five hundred (5500.00) dollars for the Support of Poor.
On Motion of E. A. Howe it was voted to raise and appropriate One hundred (100.00) dollars for Memorial Day.
On Motion of D. W. Norcross it was voted to raise and appropriate one hundred (100.00) dollars for the Common.
This vote was doubted and standing vote taken with the following result. Yes forty eight (48) No forty six (46), carried
On Motion of John A. Brown it was voted to raise and appropriate seventy five (75.) dollars for Salary of Town Clerk.
On motion of George K. Nichols it was voted to raise and appropriate one hundred (100.00) dollars for Salary of Town Treasurer.
On Motion of A. W. Rice it was voted to raise and appropriate fifty (50) dollars for the delivering tools to North Grafton.
On Motion it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five (25.) dollars for delivering tools at Farnumsville
On motion of Henry T. Wing voted to raise and appropriate Twenty five (25.) dollars for the delivering of tools at Fisherville.
On motion of John A. Brown it was voted to raise and appropriate Twenty-five (25.) dollars for the delivering of tools at Saundersville
On motion of D. L. Fiske it was voted to raise and appropriate Twenty five hundred (2500.00) dollars for Hydrant Rental to Grafton Water Co.
On Motion of D. W. Norcross it was voted that we raise and appropriate Three hundred (300.00) dollars for Street Lights in the Centre of the Town.
On motion it was voted that the money be placed in the hands of the Selectmen to expend.
Motion of D. L. Fiske that we raise and appropriate one hundred (100.00) dollars for St. Light or Sidewalks at the north part of the town. Amendment by A. E. Johnson that it be three hundred (300.00) dollars amendment carried and motion carried as amended.
Voted that it be placed in the hands of the Selectmen to expend.
On Motion of Thomas Wilmarth it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred (300.00) dollars for St. Lights at the South part of the Town and the money be placed in the hands of the Selectmen to expend.
Amendment by John A. Brown that it be for St. Light or Sidewalk amendment carried and the original motion as amended was carried.
On Motion of Perley Todd and it was voted to raise and appropriate Two Thousand (2000.00) dollars for Salaries of Town Officers except Clerk Treasurer & School Committee

On motion of D. L. Fiske voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred (300.00) dollars for Salary of School Com.
On motion of Albert Bradish voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred and fifty (750.00) dollars for Superintendent of Schools.
On motion of Charles M Batchelder it was voted to raise and appropriate one hundred (100.00) dollars for Soldiers Aid Chap 298 Act 1889.
Voted to pass over the recomendation for the prosecution of Liquor cases.
On motion of Henry H Wing it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200.00) dollars for State Aid.
Motion of J. H Chickering to pass over the recomendation for Sidewalks. John E Mc McClellan made a motion to substitute the following motion. That we raise and appropriate three hundred (300.00) dollars for the whole town for sidewalks and the motion to substitute was carried and the motion offered by John E McClellan that we raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred (300.00) dollars for sidewalk for the whole town was carried.
On motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted to raise and appropriate two hundred and forty (240.) dollars for new hose.
On motion of Albert Bradish it was voted to raise and appropriate one thousand (1000.00) dollars for town bills.
On motion of A E Johnson it was voted to raise and appropriate one thousand (1000.00) dollars for miscellaneous bills.
Art 5th taken up.
And on motion of Thomas Melvarth it was voted That no discount be made for the prompt payment of Taxes, That all Taxes shall be due and payable as provided by the By-Laws of the Town. That the Collector shall pay all money collected to the Town treasurer once in ten days from the time the taxes are placed in his hands, and the compensation of the collector shall be one per cent.
Art 6th taken up.
On motion of George K Nichols it was voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to sell the hearse belonging to the Town, and that the compensation for burying the dead shall be two (2) dollars for digging the grave and three dollars for the use of the hearse.
Art 7th taken up.
On motion of Charles M Batchelder it was voted that the compensation of Firemen be the same as last year ($10.)

Art 8th taken up.

After the following correction David Sherin to read David E Sherin and the following changes Samuel B Hale Jr in place of Jerahl Keith and William H Wheeler in place of Daniel S Chase the list was accepted as prepared by the Selectmen

Art 9th taken up.

Voted that it should be in the Centre District

Art 10th taken up.

On Motion of Henry F Wing it was voted that the treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Art 11th taken up.

On motion of Henry Mann it was voted that the Collector be authorized to use all means for collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a collector may use.

Art 12th taken up.

Voted to pass over the Art.

Art 13th taken up.

On motion of Henry F Wing it was voted, That the Town will accept the title of the Baker property facing on the common to be conveyed to it by deed for the benefit of the Public Library at a valuation of Twenty five hundred dollars, and as and for said sum on account of the one-half of the residuum of the estate of Winthrop Faulkner, late of Grafton, deceased, willed to the town for the purposes of a Public Library, the other half of said residuum being willed to the American Unitarian Association.

Art 14th taken up.

Motion of Thomas Wilmarth that we raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred (100) dollars for the purpose of improving road way. Amendment made that it be left in the hands of the Road Supt of Streets, and the amendment was carried and the motion as amended carried.

Art 15th taken up.

On motion of A E Johnson it was voted that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen for them to repair as they shall think best. Motion of John E McClellan voted that we raise and appropriate one hundred (100) dollars for the repair of this bridge. Amendment by S H Knowlton that it be two hundred (200) dollars amendment lost. motion carried.

Art 16th taken up.

Motion of J H Chickering that we pass over the Art. — Motion by Charles M Batchelder to substitute the following motion That it be left in the hands of the Selectmen. motion to substitute was lost and the motion to pass over was carried. —

Art 17th taken up.

And voted to pass over the Art. —

Art 18th taken up.

And voted to pass over the Art. —

Art 19th taken up.

The following motion was made by Joseph A Dodge. That the the Town raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars to be placed in the hands of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to complete the grading of the Daniels Addition, fence the same, and otherwise improve the same. Amendment made by S E Stone that it be five hundred dollars. Amendment by J H Chickering that it be six hundred dollars, which was carried and the original motion as amended (carried) was carried. —

Art 20th taken up.

Voted to pass over the Art. —

Art 21st taken up.

Voted to pass over the Art. —

Art 22nd taken up.

Motion of J H. Chickering that we pass over the Art, lost. On motion of George K Nichols it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred and forty-eight- and 50/100 dollars to pay said bills. —

On motion of Geo K Nichols it was voted to take up Art 4

Art 4 taken up.

On motion of George K Nichols it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby we voted raise and appropriate ninety one hundred (9100) dollars for Common Schools. On motion of Geo K Nichols it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-eight hundred and thirty (8830) dollars for common schools. —

Art 23rd taken up.

On motion of Geo K Nichols it was voted to raise and appropriate Two hundred and seventy- (270.00) dollars for the conveyance of Pupils from Brigham Hill to the ~~extra~~ Schools —

Art 24th taken up.

Motion made by A Rice to pass over the Art

John A Sweeker made a motion to substitute the following Motion That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (500) dollars to widen and improve said Brigham Hill road, and the motion to substitute was carried in the afirmative, and the motion as made by J A Sweeker was carried in the afirmative.

Art 25th taken up.

Voted that the board of Selectmen be appointed to act as Agent for the Town.

Art 26th taken up.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

A true record

Attest Edwin A. Hove
Town Clerk.

At a regular meeting of the board of Selectmen held March 10th & 12th - 94 the following appointments were made.

Keeper of Lock-up, Pound James Carey who was duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by Edwin A Howe Town Clerk Mar 13th 1894

Sealer of Weights and Measures Harrington L Nichols who was sworn Mar 13-94 by the Town Clerk.

Sexton

Benj F Gibson
Amos G Getchell
J Frank Donahue.

Special Police.

John Holden Fishervile Sworn Mar 14-94 by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of the Peace

Alexander Jefferson. of Farnumsville Sworn by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of the Peace

James Harding. of Fishervile Sworn March 23-94 by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of the Peace

John Galloway Centr. as R R Police Sworn Mar 29th. 94 by Town Clerk

Supt of Streets or Highways.

John E McClellan Sworn March 28th-1894 by Town Clerk.

William P. Spencer appointed March 20th Special Police Sworn by Thomas Wilmarth Justice of the Peace

Attest

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

April 2nd 1894

The following appointments were made by the Selectmen at their regular meeting this day. (Apr 2nd)

For Forest firewards John E McClellan. Perley Goddard. accepted Apr 27th
John A Brown Silas E Stone accepted Apr 30th Amos G Ketchell accepted May 1st
D S Bassett. Samuel H Knowlton
Cyrus R Arplett Lezman M Rice
John A. Sweetser accepted Apr 27 Wm H Miles accepted Apr 26.
James Platt

For Engineers

Alden M Bigelow Henry E Brooks.
David S Bassett. Thomas Wilmarth accepted Apr 30,
George H Huckins Henry Mann accepted Apr 26.

Registrar of Voters.

Charles M Batchelder

For Weighers

Thomas Wilmarth Sworn by Com Writs Justice of the Peace Apr 23 Samuel Linn
Thomas H Andrews. Sworn Apr 30th by Town Clerk.

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

May 7th 1894

Edward V Hitchings Sworn May 9th by the Town clerk appointed Special Police by the board of Selectmen this evening.

Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk.

June 4th 1894

At the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this evening the following persons as Special Police Frank H Prentice. Addington A Smith, Sworn June 9th by Town clerk as Weigher John Barney. as Registrar of Voters Frank M Elliot this was to fill the vacancy caused by Aaron Elliot being appointed Post Master at North Grafton.

Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

July 2nd 1894

At the meeting of the board of Selectmen held this day the following appointments was made
Luther K Leland, Elisha D. Holbrook, Wm Storrie Jr as weighers and measurers
F H Richardson Sworn J A G Kemp Justice of the Peace and Edward DeOrsey as Special Police

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

July 21st 1894

At a special meeting of the board of Selectmen held July 21st. Perley Goddard was appointed Inspector of annimals & provisions (Chap 491 acts of 1894)...

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton July 23rd 1894

Perley Goddard took the oath to faithfully performe the duties as Inspector of Annimals and provisions (Chap 491. Acts 1894) before me.

Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Oct 5th 1894

Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Friday the fifth day of October next, at 7-30 O'clock P.M. to act on the following, articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting,

Art 2nd To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to repair the Highways for remainder of the year,

Art 3rd To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the employment of night police,

Art 4th To see if the Town will vote to widen the bridge and sidewalks across the Little Blackstone River in North Grafton, near the Washington Emory Mills and raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary therefor,

Art 5th To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Selectmen to make a contract with any competent person or corporation to furnish to the Town, Electric street lights and to raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary therefor.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of

5250

meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Daniel N Gibbs
Oliver M. Wing
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, S.S. September 27th 1894.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville, on Thursday the Twenty seventh day of September current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A true copy of the warrant and return

Attest

Edwin A. Hove
Town Clerk.

Grafton Oct 5th 1894.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Friday Oct 5th 1894 at 7-30 o'clock P.M. and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant and appointed Francis E Huckins Henry E Brooks, Daniel N Gibbs and Oliver M. Wing to act as tellers and they were sworn by the Town Clerk

Art 1 Taken up.

Seymour M Rice was elected Moderator by ballot 6 ballots being cast all for Seymour M Rice and he took the chair

Art 2nd Taken up.

On Motion of Archibald B Hudson, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars to repair the highways the remainder of the year

Art 3rd On Motion of Alden M Bigelow it was voted to pass over the article.

Art 4th Taken up.

On Motion of David L. Fiske it was voted to pass over the Art.

Art 5th. On Motion of Arthur A. Simmons it was voted, That the Town of Grafton for the purpose of securing Electric Street Lights, hereby agree to the terms of the contract hereto annexed dated October * 1894, and direct the Selectmen to execute the same in behalf of the Town and to deliver said contract to the Grafton Electric Co., upon receipt from it of a duplicate contract duly executed by said Grafton Electric Company. — Memorandum of agreement entered into by the Grafton Electric Company, doing business in Grafton, in the County of Worcester, of the first part, and the Town of Grafton of the second part. — The party of the first part in consideration of the money to be paid, herein agrees to establish, set up, and furnish to said Town of Grafton, one hundred and sixty-seven (167) incandescent electric lights, each of twenty-five (25) candle power, for the purpose of lighting the streets of said Town at such points on the public streets of Grafton, as shall be fixed by the Selectmen, and the said party of the first part shall have the privilege of setting up and establishing their poles and other incidents of their plant in the public streets as far as necessary or convenient — The time of furnishing said lights each day, shall be from one half hour after sundown, to midnight, but no lights shall be required or furnished during moonlight hours in said Town, while the moon is at half, or more. —

In consideration whereof, the party of the second part, for the service aforesaid, agrees to pay the party of the first part the sum of two thousand dollars ($2000.00) a year, during the continuance of this contract.

(* see contract on Page 553)

in quarterly installments of five hundred dollars each, and in the same proportion for any fractional part of a year.—

This contract shall continue in force for the term of ten years from its date, and the payments shall commence to accrue from the time said lights are duly furnished.—

Dated at Grafton the day of October, 1894—

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

A true record
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton, Nov. 2, 1894

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton hereby consent and authorize the Grafton Electric Company to erect and maintain its posts or poles for the support of wires, and erect and maintain wires in, through, and over the following Street or highway, and do hereby specify where its posts or poles may be located, the kind of posts or poles, and the height at which and the places where the wires may run as follows: namely,- The posts or poles shall be of Chestnut wood, and the wires run at a height not less than twenty feet, and the posts or poles may be located and the wires run thereon along Streets or highways, upon one or the other side thereof so as not to interfere with ordinary travel upon the same. And the posts or poles shall be placed from each other at an approximate distance of one hundred and twenty-five feet. Centerville St., River St; Worcester Road, Bridge St, Main St N.G., Ray St, East St; Harrison Ave, Perry Hill, Waterville St, Oak St. N.G., Shrewsbury St, Nelson Ave, Elm St, Oak St. Grafton C., Worcester St, Boulevard. Upton St; South St, Church St, Millbury St Church Place Common, Farnumville St, Hall St, Main St Farnum, Railroad St Farnum, School St Farnum, Cross St Farnum Main St Fisher, Ferry St Railroad Ave, Main St Samples Railroad St u Pleasant St; Brigham Hill Road, Pigeon Hill Road

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

J. E. Huckins
H. E. Brooks
D. N. Gibbs
J. Wilmarth
C. M. Weeks

Selectmen of Grafton

Contract
Electric Street Lights.

Memorandum of agreement entered into by the Grafton Electric Company, doing business in Grafton, in the County of Worcester, of the first part, and the Town of Grafton of the second part.

The party of the first part in consideration of the money to be paid, herein agrees to establish, set up, and furnish to said Town of Grafton, one hundred and sixty-seven (167) incandescent electric lights, each of twenty-five (25) candle power, for the purpose of lighting the streets of said Town at such points on the public streets of Grafton, as shall be fixed by the Selectmen, and the said party of the first part shall have the privilage of setting up and establishing their poles, and other incidents of their plant in the public streets, but according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided.

The time of furnishing said lights each day shall be from one-half hour after sundown, to midnight, but no lights shall be required or furnished during moonlight hours in said Town, while the moon is at half or more.

In consideration whereof, the party of the second part, for the service aforesaid, agrees to pay the party of the first part the sum of two thousand dollars ($2000.00) a year, during the continuance of this contract in quarterly installments of five hundred dollars each and in the same proportion for any fractional part of a year.

This contract shall continue in force for the term of ten years from its date, and the payments shall commence to accrue from the time said lights are duly furnished.

Dated at Grafton the 12th day of October, 1894.

The Grafton Electric Company
by John E McClellan
Treas.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E. Burks
Thomas Wilmarth
Daniel N Libby
Oliver M. Wing
Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy
Attest Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

5-3-4

State Election 1894

Warrant.

Worcester S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Grafton, on Tuesday the Sixth day of November next, at Seven O'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in and deposit their votes with the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Receiver-General, Auditor and Attorny General of this Commonwealth; also for a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for two Representatives to the next General Court for the Twelfth Worcester Representative District, and for a Register of Deeds, and for a County Treasurer for Worcester County, and for a County Commissioner, for the County of Worcester, and for a Representative to Congress for the Third Congressional District; and in answer to the following questions,

"Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution, relative to Commissioners of Insolvency be approved and ratified?"

The said amendment is as follows:

"Article of Amendment to the Constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency, So much of article Nineteen of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth as is contained in the following words "Commissioners of Insolvency" is hereby annulled

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at 7-30 o'clock, a. m. and may be closed at 1 o'clock P.M. or such time thereafter not later than the hour of sunset as a majority of the voters present shall by vote direct

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office, in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville Fisherville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 26th day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

Francis E Huckins
Henry E Brooks
Daniel N Gibbs
Thomas Wilmarth
Oliver M Wing
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S.S. Oct 27th 1894
I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville, and Saundersville, on Saturday the 27th day of October current, being seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A true copy of the warrant and return
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

5-5-94

Grafton November 6th 1894

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled at the Town Hall at seven o'clock A.M. today.

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Wilmarth of the board of Selectmen who presided until the arrival of Francis E. Tucker the Chairman of the board.

The warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

The first package of Ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered by the Town Clerk to the presiding officer and his receipt taken therefor.

Joseph A. Dodge Republican and Clarence H. Putnam Democrat having previously been appointed by the Selectmen, Ballot Clerks they were sworn by the Chairman

On Motion of Henry F. Wing it was voted that the Polls be closed at four o'clock P.M.

The Specimen ballots were posted in and about the polling place as required by law.

The cards of instructions and Penalty were posted in the voting stalls and about the room. as by law required.

James Carney and Amos G. Belcher Constable were placed near the ballots-Clerks and Ballot box respectively

Polls were declared open at 7-30 o'clock A.M.

The Ballot box was unlocked opened and examined by the election officers and publicly shown to be empty then locked and the keys given to James Carney Constable. The Register on the ballot box was 0000. at 1-45 P.M by the unanimous judgement of the Selectmen and Town Clerk. the ballot box was opened. the Register standing at 370 and Three hundred and seventy ballots removed. by the Chairman counting them in a loud voice and it was found that there was Three hundred and seventy one. one more than the register indicated. The ballots were devided into blocks of fifty.

Alden M. Bigelow and Seyman M. Rice Republicans

and M. Henry Prout. William Storrie for Thomas J. Ryan and Perley Goddard Democrats were appointed Tellers to assist the Election officers to count the ballots. The Polls were declared closed at four o'clock P.M. The Register standing at 517. The box was opened and the ballots counted out in a loud voice by the Chairmen and it was found that one hundred and fifty one ballots was in the box making with the three hundred and seventy-one previously removed five hundred and twenty-two ballots cast. five more the ballot box register indicated.
The check lists were then counted in a loud voice as by law required. and there was five hundred and twenty two names found to be checked.

The votes were canvassed and counted and declared as follows, viz:

For Governor.

George H. Cary of Lynn had	four	(4)
Fredrick T. Greenhalge of Lowell ..	Three hundred sixty six	(366)
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield had	sixteen	(16)
John E. Russell of Leicester had	one hundred twenty-five	(125)
David Taylor of Boston had	three	(3)
Blanks	eight	(8)
		522

For Lieutenant Governor.

Wilbert O. Irwinell of Danvers had	three	(3)
Moses E. Luther of Holyoke .	three	(3)
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston .	thirty	(30)
Charles E. Stratton of Boston ..	one hundred twenty five	(125)
Roger Wolcott of Boston had	three hundred forty five	(345)
Blanks	sixteen	(16)
		522

This should come after Secretary

For ~~Treasurer~~ the Commonwealth.

Emil Auerbach of Adams had	two	(2)
John M. Fisher of Attleborough had	seventeen	(17)
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield had	one hundred fifteen	(115)
Martin W. Moran of Boston had	five	(5)
Henry M. Phillips of Springfield had	three hundred fifty-six	(356)
Blanks	twenty-seven	(27)
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This should come before the Treasurer

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Charles A. DeCourcy of Lawrence had one hundred twenty		(120)
Wilbert G. Farnham of Somerville had eighteen		(18)
Joseph Mallony of Lynn had one		(1)
William McClin of Boston had three hundred fifty-four		(354)
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton had four		(4)
Blanks	twenty-seven	(27)
		522

For Auditor

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had three hundred fifty		(350)
Maurice W. Leander of Pittsfield had three		(3)
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg had eighteen		(18)
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn had one		(1)
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston had one hundred fifteen		(115)
Blanks	thirty-seven	(37)
		522

For Attorney General

Frank M. Forbush of Natick had nineteen		(19)
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn had one hundred seventeen		(117)
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had three hundred forty five		(345)
Frederick August Nagler of West Springfield had one		(1)
James Sumner of Milton	six	(6)
Blanks	thirty-four	(34)
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For Councillor for the Seventh District.

Melvin Adams of Gardner had nineteen		(19)
John T. McLaughlin of Milford had one hundred twenty-three		(123)
Charles E. Sleeper of Ware had three hundred forty nine		(349)
Blanks	thirty-one	(31)
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For Senator Second Worcester District

Walter R. Game of Clinton had one hundred fifteen		(115)
Edwin P. Harvey of Westborough had three hundred thirty-six		(336)
Charles E. Leonard of Westborough had twenty-eight		(28)
Blanks	forty three	(43)
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For Representatives in General Court
12th Worcester District

Romeo E. Allen of Shrewsbury had three hundred two. (302)
Cyrus R. Aplin of Grafton had thirty-six (36)
Levi Babcock of Berlin had twelve (12)
Charles M. Batchelder of Grafton had one hundred twenty-one (121)
Bowen C. Hathaway of Westborough had three hundred thirteen (313)
John Mathews of Westborough had eighty-nine (89)
Blanks one hundred seventy-one (171)
1044

For County Treasurer

Edward A. Brown of Worcester had three hundred fifty (350)
James R. Churchill of Worcester had one hundred seventeen (117)
Charles B. Knight of Worcester had seventeen (17)
Blank. thirty-eight (38)
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For County Commissioner

John J. Bowlen of Southbridge had one hundred twenty two (122)
Emerson Stone of Spencer had three hundred forty-four (344)
Edward G. Watkins of Gardner had eighteen (18)
Blank thirty-eight (38)
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For Register of Deeds.

John Holt of Sutton had nineteen (19)
John B. Ratigan of Worcester had one hundred fifteen (115)
Harry B. Wilder of Worcester had three hundred fifty-seven (357)
Blank thirty-one (31)
522

For Representative in Congress. 3rd District

Henry S. Brown of Worcester had six (6)
Charles Haggerty of Worcester had one hundred eighteen (118)
Joseph H. Walker of Worcester had three hundred fifty-one (351)
George F. Wright of Worcester had sixteen (16)
Blank thirty-one (31)
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Amendment to the Constitution
"Commissioners of Insolvency"

Yes one hundred eighty-seven (187)
No thirty-nine (39)
Blanks two hundred ninety-six (296)
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The record of the foregoing vote having been made, the return were made out signed and sealed, and the Check list and Ballots sealed up in seperate packages and the Duplicate Check list and the unused ballots were sealed up and endorsed as required by law were then delivered to the Town Clerk

Voted to dissolve the meeting

A true copy
Attest
Edwin A Howe
Town Clerk

A meeting of the Town clerks of the Towns of Berlin Grafton. Northboro Southboro. Shrewsbury and Westborough comprising the Twelfth Worcester Representative District was held in the Town Clerks office in Westborough Nov 16th at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Representative in the General Court from said District the returns as made by the Selectmen of the several towns were opened and examined and it was found that Romeo E Allen of Shrewsbury and Bowers C Hathaway of Westborough were elected and the certificates required by law were filled out and signed by the several Town Clerks.

Statement of Votes for Representatives in General Court 12th Worcester District Massachusetts

Name of Candidates	Residence	Berlin	Grafton	Northboro	Southboro	Shrewsbury	Westborough	Total
Romeo E Allen	Shrewsbury	95	302	151	117	175	411	1251
Cyrus R Aplett	Grafton	11	34	9		10	44	110
Levi Babcock	Berlin	13	12	10		9	38	82
Charles M Batchelder	Grafton	10	121	47	50	25	174	427
Bowers C Hathaway	Westborough	97	313	155	119	134	447	1265
John Mathews	Westborough	11	89	39	48	24	172	383
Eugene Temple	Westborough						1	1
A F Brown	Westborough						1	1
Blank		21	171	81	60	61	168	562
		258	1044	492	394	438	1456	4082

We the Town Clerks of the several towns of the 12th Representative District of Worcester County, certify that the above is a true statement of the returns of votes cast on the 6th day of November 1894 for Representatives to the General Court, made to us by the Selectmen of the towns in said District

F. H. Groesman Town Clerk of Berlin
Edwin A Howe Town Clerk of Grafton
Gilman B Howe Town Clerk of Northboro
Henry F McMaster Town Clerk of Southboro
George E Stone Town Clerk of Shrewsbury
Henry C Chase Town Clerk of Westboro

Westborough, Mass November 16th 1894

A true Copy
Attest

Edwin A. Howe
Town Clerk

Grafton Mass Oct 12 1894

Agreement for additional Electric Street lights between the Town of Grafton and Grafton Electric Company. The said Company hereby agrees to furnish (25) twenty five candle power electric Street lights to said Town of Grafton at the same rate viz. ($12.00) Twelve dollars per light per year provided that the Company shall not be required to extend their line more than (1000) one thousand feet for one light. It is also understood and agreed that all additional lights shall be maintained from whenever installed untill the expiration of the original contract, and shall and shall become a part of that contract

John E McClellan
Treas Grafton Electric Co

F. E. Huckins
Chairman
Selectmen

March. 2nd 1895

This certifies that I have this day destroyed by burning the ballots cast at the Annual Town meeting held March 5th 1894 said ballots were in one package and were destroyed without their being opened or examined. Also that, at the same time the ballots used at the Annual State Election held Nov 6th 1895 was destroyed by burning said package was not opened or examined

Edwin A Hovey
Town Clerk

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